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Bishops in Palace talks

Church plan to loosen link with Crown

BY RUTH GLEDHILL
RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

■ A compromise over the future role of Prince Charles at the head of the established church has been under discussion at the highest level

A GROWING body in the hierarchy of the Church of England believes that the monarch's role as Supreme Governor should be changed on the succession of the Prince of Wales.

The Times has learnt that senior bishops have discussed informally a range of options with the Queen and Buckingham Palace officials. The informal talks about a re-examination of the historic links bteween the Crown and the Church pre-date the comments by the Ven George Austin, Archdeacon of York, that the Prince is unsuitable to be king.

One idea that is gaining ground is for legislation to amend the sovereign's position shortly before or after the next coronation. Such a move falls short of disestablishment but would satisfy those who are increasingly unhappy with the close links between Church and State.

One senior source said: "Prince Charles is not close to the Church of England. It is well known that he does not sit comfortably with the Church. Many in the hierarchy would not mind if there was an alternative."

It would be possible to change the sovereign's position as Supreme Governor, already perceived widely as little more than a titular role, without amending the title of Defender of the Faith.

A model could be the presbyterian Church of Scotland, which is established by law as the national church in Scotland, but which acknowledges Jesus Christ, rather than the monarch, as the sole king and head of the church. It has autonomy in spiritual matters of doctrine, government, worship and discipline.

The Queen or her representative, the Lord High Commissioner, attends the annual general assembly in Edinburgh, but otherwise plays no role in the day-to-day running of the church.

The source said: "George Austin has started a debate which should have begun a long time ago. He has polarised the confusion in the Church. The whole question of establishment and the supreme governorship is back on the agenda. I would not be surprised if a question is not put at the next general synod [in July]." Any change would have to be agreed by the general synod and both houses of Parliament.



Carey: meets Queen in her church role

The source added: "If Prince Charles does become king, there may be a change passed either just before or just after his coronation, and he may agree with it. It would be a question of the historic legal ties between the Church and State being reassessed, maybe of legislation being passed so that the title of Supreme Governor is changed to something else."

Dr George Carey, the Archbishop of Canterbury, is known to have regular meetings with the Queen in her role as Supreme Governor. Dr David Hope, the Bishop of London, who is Dean of the Chapels Royal and a member of the Privy Council, also meets the Queen regularly.

Although Dr Hope refused to comment directly on the Archdeacon of York's intervention, he is known to be extremely concerned about the pressure being placed on the Royal Family. He believes the family needs a period of space and reflection before any decisions can be made about the future role of the Prince and relations between Church and State.

The next synod, at York, will be urged to set up a commission to re-examine the Church's ties with the State. The Right Rev Colin Buchanan, an assistant bishop in the Rochdale diocese and a long-time campaigner for disestablishment, has a motion before the synod calling for the lifting of state control from the appointment of bishops.

He said: "Until a year ago, the sort of thing people said to me was: 'Do anything you like to the establishment of the Church but leave the place of the Sovereign intact'. A complete reversal has taken place. One can only assume it is because of the doubts that have arisen about the next generation of the royal family."

As Supreme Governor, the sovereign appoints bishops on the advice of the Prime Minister and opens the general synod every five years.

The title of Supreme Governor dates from the 16th century: the 1534 Act of Supremacy conferred on Henry VIII the title of "the only supreme head in earth of the Church of England". That was repealed by Queen Mary, but Elizabeth I's Act of Supremacy in 1559 declared her "the only supreme governor of this realm . . . as well in all spiritual or ecclesiastical things or causes as temporal."

The monarch is also Defender of the Faith, a title conferred at his own request on Henry VIII in 1521 by Pope Leo X and recognised as an official title of the English monarch by Parliament in 1544.

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SKETCH: SIÂN FRANCES

Baroness Thatcher, involved in spirited exchanges with Presiley Baxendale QC about the amount of paperwork she had to deal with

Arms guidelines not law — Thatcher

MICHAEL DYNES
WHITEHALL CORRESPONDENT

BARONESS Thatcher yesterday conceded that the government did secretly modify its policy governing the export of defence equipment to Iraq.

But she dismissed allegations of a conspiracy by ministers and officials to boost arms sales to Iraq, and of trying to cover up their actions following Saddam Hussein's invasion of Kuwait.

Giving evidence to Lord Justice Scott's public enquiry into the arms-to-Iraq affair, Lady Thatcher said that while the government's guidelines on arms export were modified in the wake of the Iran-Iraq ceasefire in 1988, this did not amount to a "fundamental change of policy".

Lady Thatcher strenuously defended a secret decision taken in November 1988 by three of her ministers, William Waldegrave, Alan Clark and Lord Trefgarne, to relax the arms export guidelines drawn up by Sir Geoffrey Howe in 1984.

It was this modification or "shift" in policy which gave rise to allegations of a conspiracy to boost arms exports. As a result, more equipment was exported to Iraq than before the ceasefire, including computer-assisted machine tools made by Matrix Churchill, used to build missiles and shells.

But Lady Thatcher insisted that the guidelines were only guidelines, "they are not strict law". She said: "It seems abundantly clear that when they proposed this change they didn't regard it as a change of policy but a change of circumstances."

Clearly irritated by being asked to read some of the 130,000 documents the enquiry has trawled from Whitehall, Lady Thatcher exclaimed at one point: "Is there more paper? I've never seen so much paper."

During a spirited exchange between Lady Thatcher and Presiley Baxendale QC, Lord Justice Scott's chief inquisitor, the former prime minister lost her patience with Miss Baxendale's repeated references to government documents. "Miss Baxendale, if I had seen every minute when I was in government I would have been in a snowstorm," she said.

Lady Thatcher told Miss Baxendale: "Most of the documents before me I have never seen. I was concerned with the big issues." Lord Justice Scott replied that it was in the nature of the enquiry to deal with a great deal of paper. "But we will try to bother you as little as possible," he said.

Lady Thatcher told the enquiry that she may have been told informally what the three ministers were doing, but she was never notified officially.

In a Parliamentary answer to the Labour MP Harry Cohen in April 1989, Lady Thatcher categorically denied that the government had changed its policy on defence sales to Iraq. But the answer

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Pension sales face review

BY SARA MCCONNELL

CITY regulators have been forced to take action in the face of growing evidence that thousands of people could have been persuaded by salesmen to transfer out of company pension schemes and into less generous private schemes.

Andrew Large, chairman of the Securities and Investments Board, the chief city regulator, said: "It is likely that some people — we cannot yet know how many — have been wrongly advised to move from their company schemes to alternative personal arrangements."

The SIB has formed a committee which will draw up plans for compensating investors given bad advice. An estimated 500,000 people have transferred out of company schemes since personal pensions started in 1988. Not all of these will have lost out.

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Iraqis hint at success for Heath's hostage mission

BY MICHAEL BINYON, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

SIR Edward Heath, the former prime minister, yesterday arrived in Baghdad to try to secure the freedom of three Britons being held in a maximum-security prison outside the city.

He was due to see Tariq Aziz, Iraq's Deputy Prime Minister, last night and there were hints from Iraqi sources yesterday that President Saddam Hussein was ready to order the release this weekend of Paul Ride, 33, Michael Wainwright, 43, and Simon Dunn, 23.

Sir Edward is expected to hear calls from senior Iraqi officials, including possibly the President, for the Government to unfreeze Iraqi assets in British banks.

His visit is a private mission undertaken at the request of the three families. In October 1990, three months before the outbreak of the Gulf War, he won the freedom of 40 British hostages who were held in Iraq as a "human shield" in an attempt to prevent the West taking military action over the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait.

The Prime Minister and the Foreign Office yesterday announced their full support for Sir Edward and said he had been given all possible practical help. Both emphasised, however, that the mission was his personal initiative and he was not carrying any message from the Government.

In the past two months, six foreigners have been freed by the Iraqis, most recently an American, Susan Priestley, the sister of Paul Wainwright, who was seized by the Iraqis while near the Turkish border, was told by the Foreign Office that if everything went according to plan her brother would be in Britain by tomorrow.

There had been fears that the men's release might be delayed by a speech by the Prince of Wales last month in which he was strongly critical of the Iraqi regime.

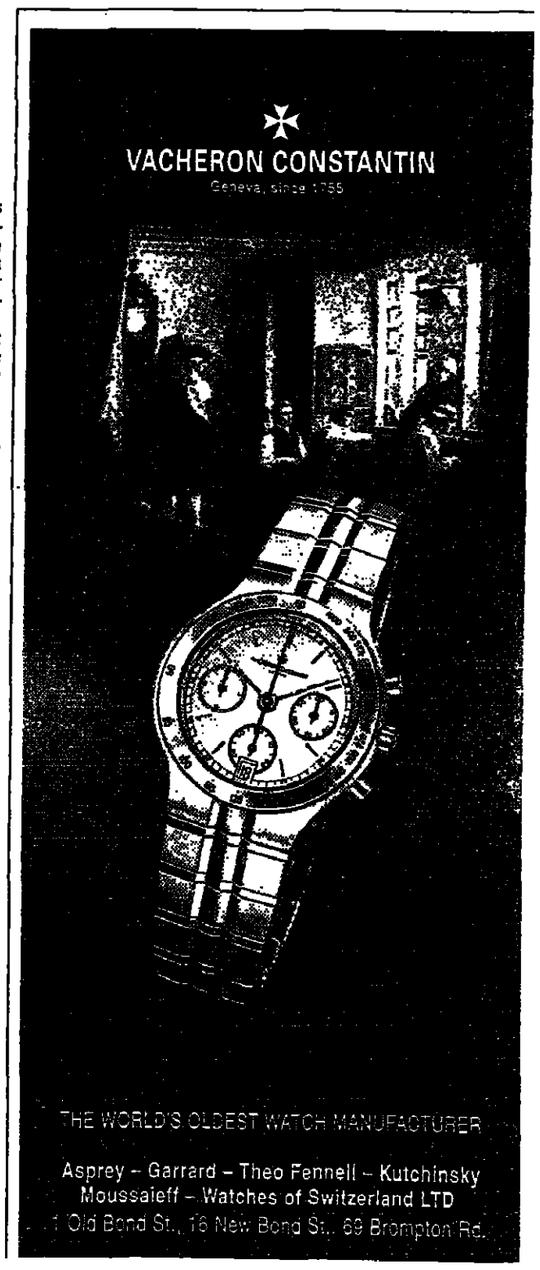
The new move comes after Iraq's acceptance of a long-term monitoring programme of its weapons potential, which meets a key United Nations demand for the lifting of the oil embargo, indicating that sanctions are hurting.

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Germans declare meat war

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

GERMANY fired a few shots against British farmers yesterday in the latest round of the livestock war raging throughout Europe.

The Federal Health Bureau has strongly urged the German government to stop all imports of British livestock because of the danger posed by the so-called "mad cow disease". The disease, technically known as BSE, could be passed from cattle to cats or other felines and could therefore touch human beings, said the health inspectors. "Basically we would like livestock imports from England to be banned because that is where the BSE is coming from," said a spokesman for the bureau, which issues health guidance and advice to the government.

But this is plainly more than a health issue. German farmers are furious at the way their pigs are being boycotted by the European Community, which claims that there is an outbreak of swine fever in the country.

The German farming lobby believes that the quarantine areas for the diseased pig stocks are drawn much to broadly, that there is virtually no risk even from the directly affected farms and that the scare is being cooked up by European rivals, especially Dutch farmers who want to steal market share from the Germans. German farmers have been blockading the otherwise open border with Holland and have demanded that Bonn responds with much tougher health controls against all livestock imports from the EC. It looks as if English livestock farmers are about to become the casualties of a tit-for-tat dispute. The German government is, however, not obliged to follow the advice from the bureau.

Even if the German government was to issue a generalised ban on British livestock imports, it would probably have to be a temporary measure.

Banks put cashless society on the cards

BY PATRICIA TEHAN, BANKING CORRESPONDENT

TWO of Britain's biggest banks have taken a big step towards the cashless society with plans to use new "smartcard" technology to provide customers with "electronic money".

National Westminster and Midland Bank plan to offer the new service, called Mondex, to many of their customers in Swindon in 1995 and, if it is successful, to extend it nationally a year later. They hope Swindon's 1,000 retailers, including cornershops, will take part.

The card, which will be an alternative to cash, looks like a credit card. It has a chip which stores the value of money transferred from a bank account by adapted cash machines or a new range of BT telephones. Customers will be able to make purchases up to the value on the card. Retailers will probably have to rent or buy an electronic terminal that will remove value from the card.

The Mondex card could save banks millions of pounds that they spend every year moving cash around.

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MATTHEW PARRIS
POLITICAL SKETCH

Democratic ideal crashes headlong into old buffer

Yesterday the Commons met to decide whether we should shop on a Sunday, when, and for what. In the public galleries sat legions of professional lobbyists. Talk about shopworkers' rights, but what about lobbyists' rights? *Any* outcome to this debate doomed hundreds of these to unemployment.

Backbenchers were allowed a "free vote". Richard Ryder and his whips stayed outside. The Home Secretary, arms folded and lips pursed, spoke not a word. Backbenchers spoke for their own consciences.

For just a day, it was as if the great party machines which have dominated post-war British politics had disappeared. This, then, was real, good old-fashioned, representative democracy.

It was a complete farce.

Richard Alexander (C, Newark) set the tone. On a point of order he asked how we were to know which amendments were which, what were the right summaries of each, and what were the consequences of supporting or rejecting any. He spoke for many. The chairman replied that that was their problem.

How intractable was the problem became clear the moment the first mover of the first amendment, Sir Peter Emery, a Tory of the old-buffer tendency, rose to speak. His plan involved restricting Sunday morning opening, but permitting afternoon shopping. This could be called the *Archers* amendment. Within minutes he was assailed from every flank, as MPs sought to know why garden centres could open but DIY shops could not, why plants could be purchased but not nails, and more. Emery's response was to assail alternatives.

But did we have to choose? And how should MPs vote on earlier options, to assist later ones? The Home Secretary's lips remained pursed. Could we hear, from the whips' offices, the chink of whisky glasses and distant laughter?

In the press gallery journalists discussed their own version of a *Keep Sunday Special* Bill. In the most strictly Sabbatarian version (the *Eleanor Goodman* amendment) shopping is allowed, but the special nature of Sundays is enhanced by a total ban on politics. Appearances by any MP on the radio or TV are prohibited. The *Parris* amendment has Liberals horsewhipped for canvassing.

Alternative versions offer compromises. In one, MPs are permitted to appear on the media for limited periods (a maximum of 37 minutes, but never before lunch) or for short soundbites (max 15 secs). In another, only very obscure MPs whom nobody has heard of are permitted, and only to purvey "perishable" opinions which will not keep until Monday. The most popular compromise bans ministers until after the 9pm watershed, so as not to frighten children. Scenes from the debate going on below, as confused Tories attacked each other from all sides, would certainly have frightened children.

Michael Howard's folded arms reminded your sketchwriter of an unforgettable afternoon at primary school when our disciplinarian but neurotic form-mistress, Miss Huxley, became so fed up with keeping the lid on an unruly class that she threw down her chalk and screamed: "I've had enough of you! Do as you please!" and she sat down, folding her arms.

Soon we were bewildered, bored and throwing things. As the official class goody-goody I stood up and said: "Please, Miss Huxley, will you tell us what to do again?"

As I left the Commons, all was confusion. Please, Mr Ryder, will you tell them what to do again?

MARK ROGERS



Trevor McDonald, Carol Barnes, Ivor Mills, Peter Snow, Sandy Gall and Michael Nicholson were among present and former ITN newsreaders at a memorial service for their former colleague Leonard Parkin at St Bride's church, central London, yesterday. Court and Social, page 18

Minister pledges better patient care in hospital shake-up

By Jeremy Laurance and Jill Sherman

■ *New staffing and training arrangements for doctors, which should produce more specialists, may lead to shorter waiting lists*

A BIG expansion of hospital consultants and a cut in the hours worked by junior doctors was promised by Dr Brian Mawhinney, the health minister, last night. He said the changes would mean better care for patients.

Announcing a massive shake-up of medical training, with junior doctors becoming fully qualified specialists earlier in their careers, Mr Mawhinney said more patients would be seen by specialists rather than by junior doctors. "These will be new and better-focused training arrangements," he said.

The changes, recommended in a report by Professor Kenneth Calman, the Government's Chief Medical Officer, last May, have divided consultants and juniors. They have been forced on the Government by the European commission, to bring Britain into line with other European countries. Consultants fear they will lead to a decline in standards because the training requirements for European specialists are lower than in the UK. They also believe their status and capacity to charge high private fees will be reduced.

However, junior doctors complain that they endure the longest specialist training in the world in the UK and that they are being used as cheap labour to keep the NHS going. They say appointing more specialists, who would treat their own patients, could lead to shorter waiting lists.

Dr Mawhinney said the changes would be implemented within existing resources over "a number of years", and signalled the Government's intention to devolve responsibility for manpower planning to individual NHS trusts. The British Medical Association said extra resources were essential.

Dr Mawhinney also confirmed that the Government would continue to reduce junior doctors' hours and was relaxing constraints on hospital staffing to do so. Only 91 posts are contracted for more than 83 hours a week, compared with 13,000 three years ago, and hospitals have been set a target of a maximum 72 hours by the end of next year.

Figures collated by a Labour MP revealed yesterday that the pay bill for NHS managers has increased by 200 per cent since 1989, when the NHS reforms were introduced, while the cost of employing administrators has jumped by 44 per cent in the same period. Figures collated by Alan Milburn, Labour MP for Darlington, from parliamentary answers, shows that pay for nurses and midwives barely kept pace with inflation.

Mr Milburn claims the cumulative extra salary bill in the past four years for managers, administrators and clerical staff has reached £1.5 billion. Managers' pay has trebled from £358 million to more than £530 million, and administrative costs have risen by £567 million during the same period.

Part of the reason for the explosion in managers' pay was because NHS trusts took on extra accountants and other managers to help implement the reforms. In addition, several nurses and doctors took on management roles under the new structures.

The figures were released only two days over a Commons row over the disclosure that spending on NHS company cars had soared by a third to £70.4 million a year.

The figures show that in the last year alone the NHS managerial salary bill rose by 28 per cent, while the nursing pay bill rose by 5.2 per cent.

"Ministers say high salary costs are justified because it takes a special sort of person to be a hsopital manager. But they are prepared to reward the special sort of people who save lives on hospital wards with a pay squeeze."

Tom Sackville, junior health minister, said the NHS managers' salaries accounted for only 3 per cent of the pay bill compared with 47 per cent for nurses.

"Since 1990 more than 18,000 Project 2,000 student nurses have not been counted in the figures for the nursing workforce. And many senior nurses and doctors have been reclassified as managers," he said.



Mawhinney: promised more consultants



Calman: recommended cut in doctors' hours

Solicitors win right to work in higher courts

By Frances Gibb
Legal Correspondent

THE Lord Chancellor and four senior judges gave the go-ahead yesterday for solicitors in private practice to work in the higher courts. They rejected similar rights for solicitors in the Crown Prosecution Service and in government, commerce or industry.

As predicted, the long-awaited ruling is a compromise, allowing only a partial break of the Bar's monopoly of Crown Courts and those above.

But the decision to grant wider advocacy rights to private-practice solicitors immediately will mean the first solicitor-advocates appearing in the higher courts by next spring.

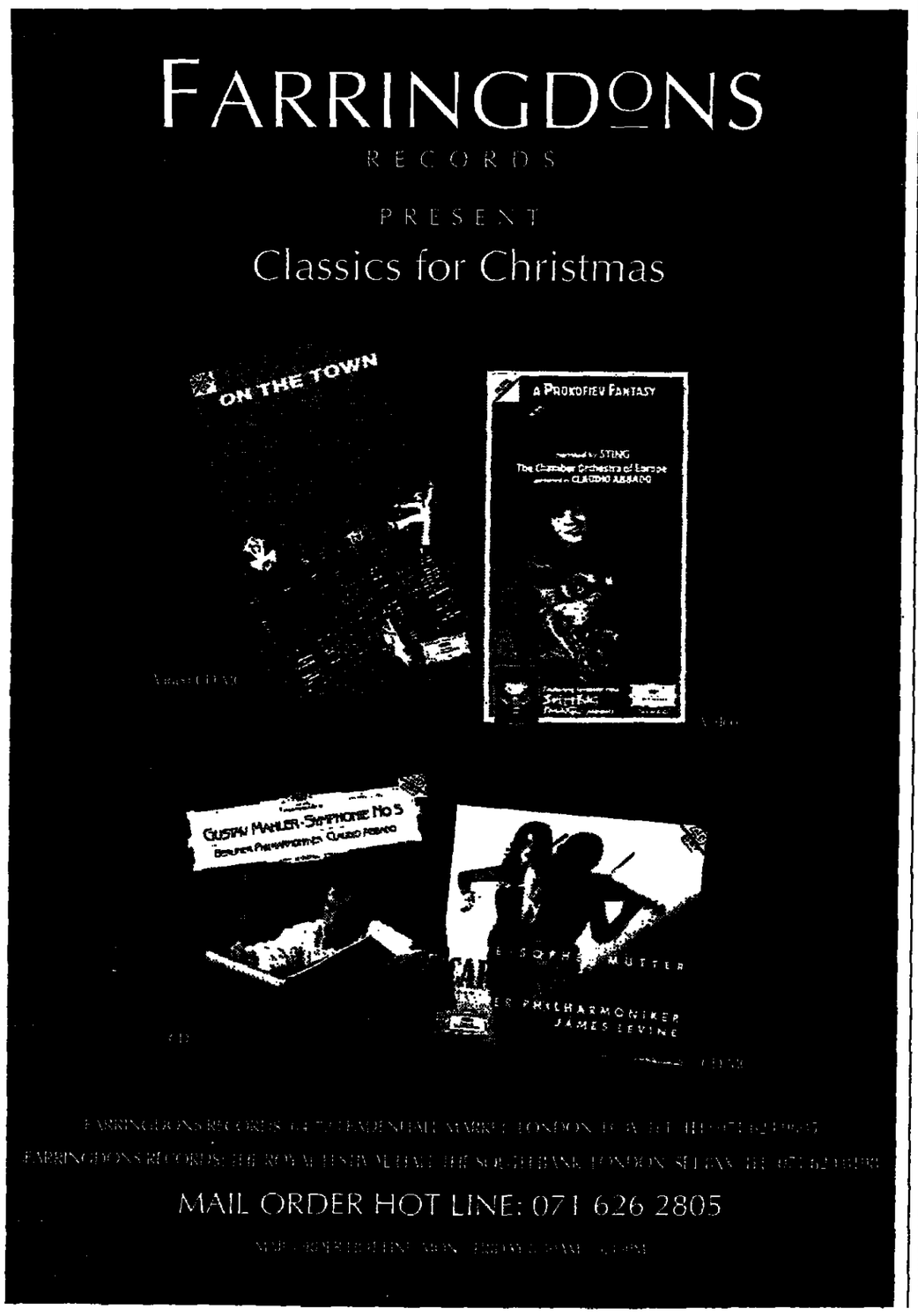
It had been expected that the judges would reject the application by the Law Society, which was made on behalf of all solicitors — employed and in private practice — and require the society to reapply for those in private practice alone.

In a surprise move, however, which was welcomed by the Crown Prosecution Service, they did not close the door on allowing employed lawyers into the Crown Court at some future date. They deferred their decision in order to seek further advice from the special advisory committee set up under the Courts and Legal Services Act 1990 to consider the question of rights of audience.

Yesterday, the judges — led by the Lord Chancellor, Lord Mackay of Clashfern — blamed the committee for the delay in a decision, saying it had gone "outside its remit" when it advised them that further legislation would be needed to control how many higher-court cases the CPS and government lawyers were allowed to handle.

Barbara Mills QC, Director of Public Prosecutions, welcomed the decision not to rule out wider rights of audience for Crown prosecutors at a later date.

"We remain confident that it is only a matter of time before extended rights of audience are granted to employed lawyers," she said.



Arms to Iraq policy 'modified'

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failed to inform Mr Cohen of the secret modification or shift in policy.

Asked by Lord Justice Scott whether, in retrospect, she was happy with that answer, Lady Thatcher said that she would want more time to talk to ministers and officials before answering that question.

She conceded, however, that she should have been officially notified by the ministers concerned.

Robin Cook, Labour's defence spokesman, insisted, however, that Lady Thatcher's evidence "blew apart any pretence that the government was still sticking to the original guidelines by 1989".

Lady Thatcher later told the enquiry that she had never approved exports of Matrix Churchill machine tools despite intelligence warnings that the equipment was destined for Iraqi armaments factories.

After hearing reports from a defence ministry official who thought that she had been involved in a decision not to revoke export licences granted in error to Matrix Churchill, Lady Thatcher was adamant that the official was mistaken.

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Ways and means of an archdeacon

By Ruth Gledhill
Religion Correspondent

A CHURCH of England archdeacon is more lowly than an archbishop, bishop, dean or provost, but ranks above a canon and rural dean.

Described variously as "the crook at the head of an archbishop's staff", the "strong arm of the canon law" and "a middle-ranking functionary", an archdeacon can expect respect, fear or loathing. Few expect to be liked.

Some archdeacons have close links with their cathedral, such as the Ven George Cassidy of London, a residentiary canon at St Paul's.

The Ven George Austin, Archdeacon of York, is one of three archdeacons in the archdiocese, working chiefly for the Bishop of Selby, the Right Rev Humphrey Taylor, one of three suffragan bishops.

Under York Minster's statutes, Mr Austin is entitled to preach there once a year, and has used this platform for controversial pronouncements. After his call in 1991 for the church to be divided between its liberal and traditionalist wings, his archbishop compared him to the "Fat Boy" in *The Pickwick Papers*.

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Four die as 80mph gales lash Britain

By Ian Murray

A WOMAN was found drowned in a swollen river yesterday as heavy rain and winds, gusting at up to 80 miles per hour, lashed much of Britain, causing treacherous road conditions that led to a spate of accidents in which three other people died.

Sleet and snow hampered the search for Helen Turner, 53, who had gone out with her two dogs to walk round her 3-acre garden on the Ayreshire coast on Tuesday night. Yesterday morning a police helicopter joined the search and her body was found in a small river near her home.

England and Wales, however, suffered the severest storms yesterday, with high-sided vehicles banned from exposed coastal roads and bridges, as south-westerly gales swept in from the Atlantic. Slippery road conditions were blamed for a serious accident near Newbury in Berkshire, where a car was shunted into a cement mixer, killing two people and seriously injuring two others.

In another accident near Highworth, Wiltshire, the driver of a car in a head-on collision was killed and a ten-year-old girl was taken by air ambulance to hospital in Swindon.

News in Brief

Istanbul court finds absent fans guilty

Six Manchester United football supporters who were freed from a Turkish jail on November 30 were convicted in their absence by a court in Istanbul yesterday. The six were held for nearly a month on charges of criminal damage and drunk and disorderly behaviour after a European Cup tie between United and Galatasaray. Yesterday they were given 18-month suspended sentences.

The verdicts provoked immediate condemnation from those who had assisted the supporters during their detention. Tom Pendry, the shadow sports minister, said: "I am outraged. You send these people home without a stain on their character after being incarcerated in jail, and as soon as their backs are turned you reopen the court and find them guilty."

Stephen Jakobi, the solicitor who represented four of the six supporters, branded the decision a disgrace and said that the defence had had no opportunity to call evidence.

Ulster MPs challenged

A Catholic bishop told mourners in north Belfast yesterday that politicians who used emotive language were partly to blame for the murder of a teenager and a man by the Ulster Freedom Fighters. Dr Patrick Walsh, Bishop of Down and Connor, said elected leaders should ask themselves: "Have I said or done anything that could have fuelled sectarian bigotry?" He said "verbal terrorism" existed. On Tuesday night another Catholic was murdered by the UFF in Belfast.

Troops head for Poland

Britain is planning to send troops to Poland next year for a joint exercise in an effort to forge new military links with the former Eastern Bloc. It is also hoped that a large number of middle-ranking Russian officers will be flown to Britain to give them a detailed look at British Army operations and training. About 120 troops will go to Poland in the summer.

Driver hurts trapped PC

A policeman on duty at a football match had his leg broken after being dragged several hundred yards by a car whose driver he had stopped for questioning. PC Ron Craigie, 43, went to speak to the man outside Sheffield United's match with Manchester United on Tuesday night. The man sped off with PC Craigie's arm trapped in his window.

Bull kills retired farmer

A retired farmer was butted to death by a bull after he strayed into its field. Edgar Roberts, 79, was attacked after he fell as he tried to climb a barbed wire fence at his farm in Sandhurst, Gloucester. Clive Roberts told the Oxford inquest that he had warned his father not to go into the field. A verdict of accidental death was recorded.

Braer salmon cleared

Salmon farmed in the waters around the wreck of the oil tanker *Braer* have been cleared for sale for the first time since the ship ran aground in January. Smolts put into cages around the wreck in March have been deemed fit for human consumption after extensive government tests. None of the fish may be harvested until March.

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Florida Phil guilty after four years on the run with £1m

BY MICHAEL HORSNELL

A SECURITY guard who became one of Britain's most wanted men during a life of luxury on the run was convicted yesterday of stealing nearly £1 million in foreign currency from Heathrow Airport.

Philip Wells, known as "Florida Phil", had a series of girl friends during four years as a fugitive around the world before marrying a young gymnast from Tashkent, Uzbekistan. His ports of call included a caravan in Clacton, Essex, flats in Malta and Moscow, and Bulgaria and Hungary.

Wells, 48, who was caught in May by police in east London only when he tried to sell his story for £25,000 to *The Sun*, earned his nickname because of his love for the sunshine state.

But he laid a false trail to fool his pursuers into thinking he had fled there and travelled east instead where he assumed the name of Ronald Hill, a wealthy businessman.

Wells, from Stockport, Greater Manchester, was convicted at Isleworth Crown Court, west London, where he was remanded in custody for sentence. He had denied stealing £928,000 in foreign currency in 1989 but admitted having a false passport, using it, and possessing a bogus driving licence.

Judge Miller told him: "It must be obvious to you that you have been convicted of a very serious offence and there is bound to be a lengthy custodial sentence."

Wells, who claimed he had had various affairs across Europe while police believed he was in Florida, where his second wife came from, told a two-week trial that he had acted under duress.

But Gino Connor, for the prosecution, told the court how, on July 14, 1989, the £2.50-an-hour guard for Chalmers, an Ealing-based security firm, had collected the money in nine containers from a Portuguese plane on the tarmac at Heathrow. After loading it into his Ford Fiesta van, Wells shaved off his beard and changed clothes.

Neither he nor the money ever arrived at the delivery point just minutes away, and none has been recovered.

An international police hunt and widespread publicity followed, but Wells, who phoned a relative the next day to lay a false trail to Florida, had disappeared.

Mr Connor said Wells, who had undoubtedly "fallen among thieves", willingly took part in the theft. Mr Connor said: "The Crown does not accept he was acting under duress. At no stage during 1989 or right up until his arrest this year did he make any attempt to contact the police.

"There was no gun being held to his head all the time.

"He had a continuing association with people who were involved in the planning of thefts from Heathrow."

Even if he was put under some pressure at some stage he had ample opportunity to pull out, but when eventually caught trying to sell his story, Wells told police he had no choice but take the money.

He spoke of numerous countries he had visited while on the run, a stroke he suffered in Paris, and of his third wife, Olga, a gymnast who still lives in Malta, where he had spent much of his time.

Wells told the jury that villains from London's East End had issued death threats against him and his two adult sons from his first marriage to make him follow their orders.

Wells claimed that the "main man" behind the operation was an east London greengrocer, who used to be his landlord.

Earlier this year the man was acquitted of handling £100,000 of the proceeds, but was jailed for nine months for a mortgage fraud.

Wells insisted he was "terrified" after he was twice beaten up by thugs, petrol was poured over one of his sons, and he received a series of threatening phone calls as the gang tried to get him to steal one of the valuable loads he regularly delivered at Heathrow.

But the jury decided that Wells was a willing party to the crime.

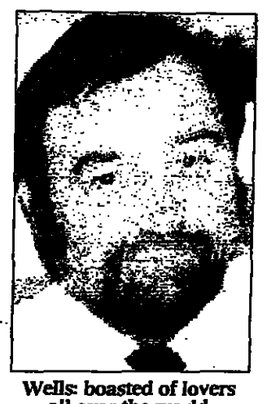
The court was told that Wells's sons used to visit the greengrocer for news of him but that in October last year, after hearing nothing for months and fearing him dead, they had contacted police.

Seven months later Wells was arrested at an address in Forest Gate, east London as he tried to sell his story.

Armed officers detained three other men at the same time. They have been charged in connection with events that night and are awaiting trial.

Wells said that he had never received more than £30,000 but Det Insp Norman Walker dismissed the claim as nonsense. The officer added that investigations into the theft were continuing.

Another officer said: "He would have needed a lot more than that to fund what was virtually a four-year holiday."



Wells: boasted of lovers all over the world

Friendly crowds greet Princess while a dozen people wait for Prince



The Princess of Wales meeting children in the Ulster Hospital, Belfast, while the Prince opened a project for homeless youths in south London yesterday



A world apart, royal visitors enjoy contrasting receptions

BY DOMINIC KENNEDY AND NICHOLAS WATT

THE Prince and Princess of Wales were accorded sharply divergent receptions as they went about their public duties yesterday.

The Princess, in one of her last official engagements before withdrawing from public life, attracted large and friendly crowds when she made an unannounced visit to Northern Ireland. Scores of people braved the rain outside the Ulster Hospital in Belfast to offer her their best wishes, while workers from some of her favourite charities paid tribute to her past support.

At a reception at Hillsborough Castle for Relate, the former Marriage Guidance Council, the Princess stood with head bowed as Sir Eric McDowell, the charity's chairman for Northern Ireland, told her: "We trust ... that you will always have a place in your heart for Relate, as we in the Relate family will always have for you."

David French, national director of Relate, told the Princess: "When a marriage runs into trouble, life can be deeply painful ... Dreams are shattered and the world can seem a lonely place as two people who once loved each other struggle to come to terms with their sense of confusion and loss."

In Southwark, south London, the crowds waiting to greet the Prince as he visited a centre for the homeless were so scant that the metal crush barriers remained in an unused pile.

The Prince opened the Gateway Project, which will provide accommodation and education for 180 homeless youths. Speaking to some of the project's first customers, the Prince strayed into potentially turbulent waters.

Barry Holden, 21, who was homeless for 18 months, explained to the Prince that his problems could be traced to the divorce of his parents when he was six years old. "He asked me why my mum and dad got divorced," Mr Holden said. "I told him it was due to him going with other women behind her back. He grinned and I grinned at the same time."

By the time the Prince left, five pensioners, two construction workers and five youths had gathered to watch his departure. "If Princess Diana came here instead, the place would be packed," an elderly woman remarked.

Rapist given seven life terms

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A MAN who was cleared earlier this week of murdering a prostitute was given seven life sentences yesterday after admitting raping six women and attempting to rape a seventh.

David Williams, 34, formerly from Perton, Staffordshire, had pleaded guilty to raping the six women over a five-year period. He also admitted one charge of attempted rape and two of indecent assault.

Williams showed no emotion at Stafford Crown Court as Mr Justice Judge told him that he was an evil man. "Nine women were victims of appalling cruelty at your hands," he said.

Verdicts of not guilty were entered on the record in respect of a further charge of rape, one charge of indecent assault and one of kidnap. Another allegation of rape and two of indecent assault were ordered to lie on the file.

In addition to the seven life sentences, Williams received ten-year concurrent jail terms for each of the two indecent assaults he admitted. Mr Justice Judge directed that he should not be considered for parole for at least 12 years.

Anthony Palmer QC, for the prosecution, said the first rape was of a 26-year-old woman in March 1986. A man ran up behind her and dragged her towards waste ground where he forced her to perform a sex act followed by full sexual intercourse.

The second rape victim was a 22-year-old who lived in St Ives, Cornwall, where Williams was on holiday in August 1988 with his female partner, who was pregnant.

A 17-year-old prostitute was his next victim in December 1988. Williams pulled out a knife and said: "You will have to do it for free or I will mark you for life."

In August 1991 a 17-year-old girl living in Wolverhampton returned to a nightclub to try to find a friend. Williams pulled her into bushes and raped her.

A school student aged 18 was raped in October 1991 as she walked home late at night from a club in Wolverhampton.

The sixth rape, in December 1991, was of a 19-year-old Indian girl who lived in the Wolverhampton area. Williams tied her jumper around her eyes before forcing her to perform a sex act then intercourse.

On Monday Williams was acquitted by a jury at Stafford Crown Court of murdering Gail Whitehouse, 23, of Wolverhampton, in September 1990.

Man held over farm murders

BY A STAFF REPORTER

DETECTIVES investigating the murder of Harry and Megan Tooze at their isolated farmhouse in Wales last July arrested a 33-year-old man yesterday.

He was being held for questioning into the deaths of the couple who were shot at point-blank range and dumped in their cowshed.

The dead couple's daughter Cheryl, 31, and her boy friend Jonathon Jones, 33, from Orpington, Kent, have been staying in South Wales to help police to find the killer.

The bodies of Mr Tooze, 66, a retired fruit farmer, and his 67-year-old wife were found by police at their isolated farm on Llanharry Meadow in Mid Glamorgan. Nothing appeared to have been stolen.

Police subsequently said they believed the killer might have been invited into the Ty Ar Y Waun farm because one of the couple's best china cups had been taken out and used.

Mr Jones was at Miss Tooze's side when she made an emotional public appeal for information about the man who "robbed me of my parents".

Six weeks ago he told reporters of his gratitude that a substantial reward had been offered for information which might lead to an arrest.

Arts Council leaves orchestras in the dark

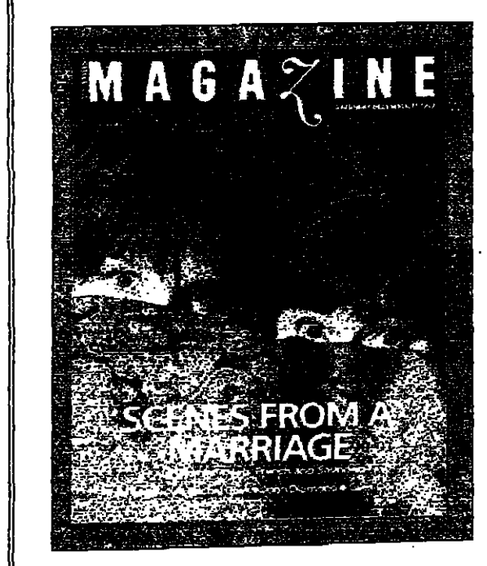
BY ALISON ROBERTS, ARTS REPORTER

THE Arts Council left three London orchestras in suspense yesterday after an emergency meeting failed to reach a decision on their future funding.

Competition between the Philharmonia, the London Philharmonic, and the Royal Philharmonic Orchestras has entered its sixth month. An extraordinary meeting of the full Arts Council, which has the final say on funding, yesterday decided to make a statement next week.

Its music panel last week agreed to maintain the grants for the three orchestras, but at different levels. The decision would see a rise in the Philharmonia's present grant and a decrease in those of the LPO and the RPO.

After months of campaigning, representatives of the three orchestras were last night facing another week of anxious waiting. Libby Macnamara, the director of the Association for British Orchestras, said: "The council's silence can only indicate the lack of any clear indication on this matter and must increase the serious misgivings and disillusionment felt by the entire arts world."



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Judge attacks social services after girl is battered to death

BY DOMINIC KENNEDY

A JUDGE called for a public enquiry yesterday into why social workers failed to prevent the killing of a three-year-old girl by her mother and her boy friend.

Seven people had warned social workers about their fears for the child, whose body had 107 separate injuries when she died. But no one at Nottinghamshire social service, which is to be sued by Leanne's grandmother, is likely to be disciplined.

Colin Sleate, 29, was jailed for life after being convicted of murder. Tina White, 22, the child's mother, was convicted of manslaughter and will be sentenced later. The couple, who were also found guilty of two charges of cruelty, wept in the dock as cheering broke out in the public gallery at Nottingham Crown Court.

Mr Justice Tudor Evans said he would be writing to the Health Secretary, Virginia Bottomley, to request a public enquiry. A confidential report had reached "disturbing conclusions" that should be made public, he said.

"What is described is appalling," the judge said at the end of the trial. "In a case like this there should be no sweeping under the carpet. The public must know how it came about that this small child was battered in this way."

The public had done their duty and expressed concern about the safety of the girl, yet nothing effective was done to save her, the judge said.

Leanne's grandmother, Mary White, said: "I'm going all out for them [the social workers] because it's them who are really to blame for Leanne's death."

Peter Joyce QC, for the prosecution, said Leanne never knew her natural father and lived alone with her mother until November 1991, when Sleate moved in to their home in Hucknall, Nottinghamshire. After that "a normal, happy, bubbly child became a frightened, withdrawn and subdued child".

Within weeks, she was seen by several witnesses with bruises, scratches and marks to all parts of her body. Mr Joyce said: "Local residents would hear Leanne in her bedroom in the evening. Her mother was uncontrolled, shouting hysterically at her daughter. It was accompanied by sounds of violence administered to the child. That went on night after night after night." Neighbours also heard Sleate striking the girl.

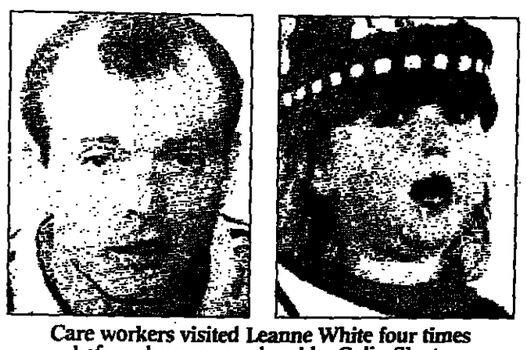
A visitor found Leanne naked and alone, left in a cold, dark hallway while the couple were sitting in another room watching television.

She died in November 1992. Mr Joyce said more than half of her 107 external injuries were suffered in the 36 hours before death. "Leanne died of internal bleeding ... as a result of a rupture ... It was done by repeated punching while lying on a hard floor, such as her bedroom. Over the months they sought to silence her with their violence, and finally silence her they did."

The court heard that Sleate told police: "I couldn't have killed her. I didn't hit her hard enough." White said: "It's his fault. If I had done something earlier then none of this would have happened."

David White, director of social services, said yesterday that none of his staff was likely to be disciplined. Leanne was referred to social workers five months before her death and was visited twice by social workers, twice by a health worker.

"There was no firm evidence at the time that Leanne was suffering abuse. Decisions taken by my experienced and qualified social workers at the time were all checked out and agreed by their managers," Mr White said. "I do not consider that the department played a significant role in the murder of Leanne White."



Care workers visited Leanne White four times before she was murdered by Colin Sleate



TIM OCKENDEN

Peter Cotrell and Tom Williams, archaeological scientists, use magnetometers to scan land around Stonehenge for prehistoric remains yesterday. The equipment detects changes in magnetic field strength over buried features

Store chief's wife 'broke lover's heart'

BY ROBIN YOUNG

AN UNEMPLOYED decorator who had an affair with the wife of the chief executive of a leading London store drowned himself after she refused to leave her family, an inquest was told yesterday.

Melvyn Parker, 41, tied bricks to his legs and jumped into Brighton marina after his lover, Margaret Austen, told him that she wanted to end their affair, the inquest at Brighton was told.

Mrs Austen, 50, a mother of four whose husband Patrick is chief executive of Liberty's, started her affair with Mr Parker when he helped to paint her £300,000 home in Guildford, Surrey. She took Mr Parker, who had two teenage daughters, to dine in expensive restaurants and drove him to the south coast for overnight stays in hotels.

Mrs Austen told the inquest that she knew Mr Parker had been "very desperate". She said: "We were very much in love. I was finding it difficult to leave my family at the time, although I did not want the relationship to end."

Mr Parker had been discovered by Department of Social Security investigators to have signed on for unemployment benefit while he was working. Mrs Austen said she knew he was depressed on that account. She said: "He told me he had spoken to his children and had told them he would not see them for a while."

Mr Parker's body was found on November 1 by divers searching for lobsters. Dr Nigel Kirkham of the Royal Sussex County Hospital said that Mr Parker had drowned in the sea and there was no evidence of any injuries. Dr Donald Gooding, the Brighton coroner, recorded a verdict of suicide.

Last July Mr Austen issued a divorce petition against his wife alleging her adultery with Mr Parker at various addresses.

Brewery condemned for 'gallon club' stunt

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A WEST Midlands brewery has provoked controversy by launching a campaign to encourage drinkers to sink a gallon of beer in a single session over Christmas and New Year.

Medical experts, police and campaigners against drink-driving have all criticised the promotion by Banks's Brewery, based in Wolverhampton, which offers drinkers the chance to join "The Gallon Club". In what the brewery describes as a bit of fun, customers at pubs in Dudley, West Midlands, and Shifnal, Shropshire, will receive a free T-shirt and a place on a "roll of honour" if they manage to drink eight pints in one lunchtime or evening session.

A brewery spokesman said: "The rules are very strict. Only the landlord can serve these customers and he will ensure that they are not driving. If at any time the landlord thinks a customer has had too much to drink he will stop the competition and refuse to serve any more alcohol."

Benny Roland, from the Campaign Against Drinking and Driving, urged the organisers yesterday to think again. He said: "It is totally irresponsible for any public house or brewery to organise something like this."

Chief Supt Jim Swingewood, of West Midlands police, said: "I would hope that motorists would not even contemplate taking part in such an unhealthy stunt."

OFT to investigate car prices

BY KEVIN EASON, MOTORING CORRESPONDENT

CAR manufacturers face an investigation into pricing policies that mean consumers could be paying £1,000 too much for the average family saloon to subsidise big discounts for fleet buyers.

The Office of Fair Trading is to check allegations that consumers pay high prices so the car manufacturers can offer cheap deals to companies prepared to buy in bulk. Second-hand car dealers will also be investigated after a big rise in complaints against them.

Sir Bryan Carsberg, director-general of the OFT, has decided to step into the pricing row that has simmered for months between Britain's motor dealers and the car makers. The National Franchised Dealers Association, representing 6,000 car dealers, claimed that fleet discounts were worth up to 45 per cent to the biggest company car buyers. That discount put 8 to 10 per cent on the price of a car to a private buyer.

Sir Bryan told a meeting of MPs and executives from the Automobile Association yesterday: "I have a duty to keep activities detrimental to the economic interests of consumers under review and would welcome views on this."

Sir Bryan said that complaints about new cars were relatively low at just 0.5 per cent of new car sales. But he was concerned about the possible distortions caused by fleet buyers, who account for half of all new car sales annually, and that company car owners could be pushing up servicing costs for everyone because they were "insensitive" to garage prices.

Sir Bryan said he was forced to investigate the used car trade because there were more complaints about it than any other group. Complaints jumped from 51,000 in 1988 to 64,000 last year, with half of consumers angered by defects and a third claiming they were misled by their dealer.

Used car dealers are bound by a code of practice but Sir Bryan said that it was not working and needed examination. "The issues need to be tackled ... if consumers are to be assured of a fair deal."

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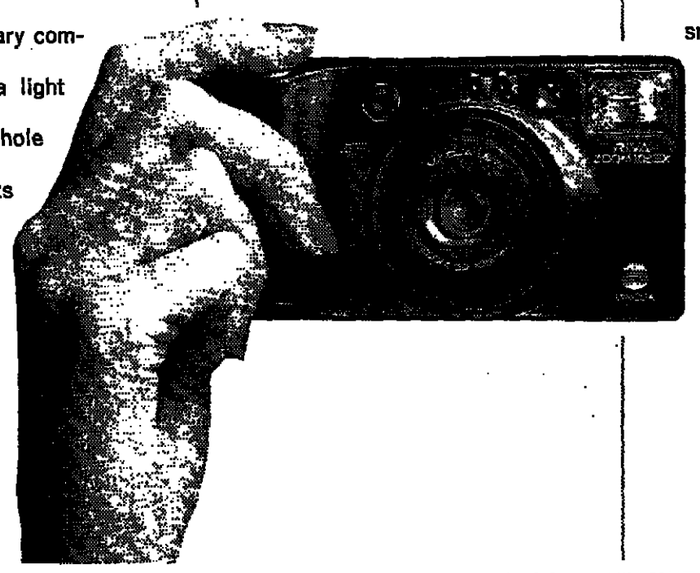
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Classical music runs into the age barrier

BY ALISON ROBERTS
ARTS REPORTER

SALES of classical music albums have declined by more than a quarter since the boom of 1990 inspired by Luciano Pavarotti and the World Cup.

Although the music industry maintains that the 16.7 million classical albums sold in 1990, across all recording mediums, represent a "blip", classical music has not sustained its "new popularity". Figures from the Policy Studies Institute, released yesterday, show that 1992 sales were down to 12.3 million.

Chris Green, research manager of the British Phonographic Industry (BPI), said that sales were increasingly affected by pop music-style marketing. Hopes for rocketing sales figures in 1994 will be pinned on the Pavarotti, Placido Domingo and José Carreras reunion at next year's World Cup in America.

"In 1990 we had the three tenors concert and *Nessun Dorma*." Mr Green said. "Earlier this year the market was given a boost by the publicity surrounding Gorecki's Third Symphony." Sales had shown a small increase in the first three quarters of 1993, he added.

But the genre has still not filtered into the mass market. Most consumers of classical music are over 45 and in the upper socio-economic groups. Jeremy Eckstein, author of the PSI Cultural Trends report, says that the unchanging buyer "might occasion some surprise.

"It might have been expected that the wide exposure enjoyed by Pavarotti, together with the success of Classic FM (which reaches 10 per cent of the adult population), would have resulted in a significant broadening of the consumer profile of purchasers of classical music," he said.

"Consumers ... might be becoming more ready to listen to classical music, but not yet any more ready to buy it."

The classical best-sellers charts show little change since 1990. In that year, the *Three Tenors in Concert* was number one, followed by the *Essential Pavarotti*, Nigel Kennedy's *The Four Seasons* by Vivaldi, the compilation *Classic Experience 2* and Placido Domingo's *Be My Love: an album of love*.

In the third quarter of 1993, the best seller was *Ti Amor*, with Luciano Pavarotti singing Puccini's greatest love songs. Michael Tilson Thomas's *Concerto Sampler*, a spin-off from the Channel 4 programme which retails at £1.99, was at number two: *Classic Commercials*, a compilation of music used in television advertisements was at three, followed by Gorecki's *Symphony No.3* and *Essential Opera*.

Compilations of extracts, rather than single long pieces, are increasingly popular because of shortened attention spans, according to the BPI.

The PSI report also sounds the final death knell for the LP. The vinyl record is now the sole preserve of "a small hard core of dedicated enthusiasts", it says. The total number of LPs delivered to shops fell by 87 per cent between 1987 and 1992 and now stands at a mere 4 per cent of albums issued.

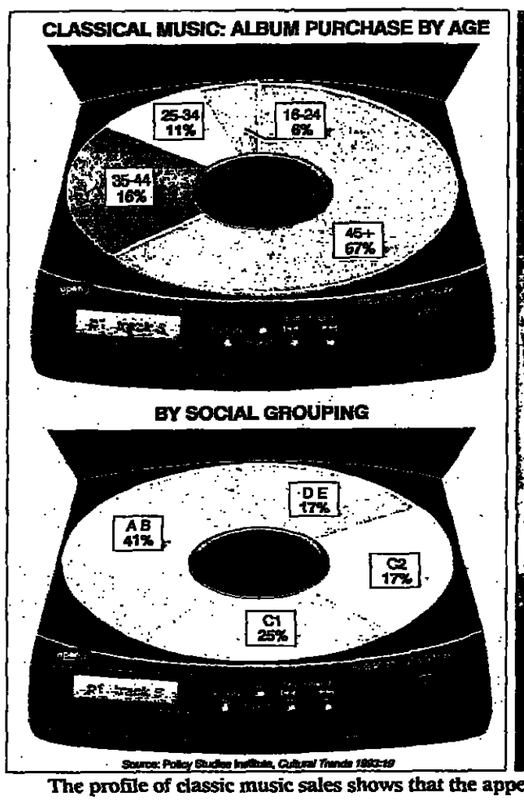
While vinyl purists spent £40 million last year on LPs, £685 million worth of compact discs were bought. The recent debate over the price of CDs has obscured the fact that their purchase price has been falling over recent years. According to the PSI, the average cost of a CD in 1986 was £11.50 compared to £9.70 in 1992, though that includes the cost of budget discs.

The CD revolution has closed down the market for other new technologies. Digital Audio Tape became virtually obselete almost as soon as it was launched, while the Digital Compact Cassette and the Minidisc together cornered only £0.2 million of a slightly declining market.

Total consumer expenditure on recorded music peaked at £1.27 billion in 1989, but fell to £1.24 billion last year. Money spent on hardware — cassette and compact disc players — has shown a similar fall.

Artists' earnings from music, however, reached a record £210 million last year.

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The profile of classic music sales shows that the appeal of tenors Placido Domingo, José Carreras and Luciano Pavarotti has not yet conquered all social groups

NEWS IN BRIEF

Gymnast's stalker jailed

A man who stalked an Olympic gymnast for five years was sent to jail yesterday. Lisa Grayson, 21, from Redcar, Cleveland, and her parents were said to be terrified of Robert Wall, 33, a decorator from Cramlington, Northumberland. He wrote asking her to marry him and to have his babies. They have met only in court.

Wall was committed to prison in his absence at Middlesbrough County Court, on Miss Grayson's application, for three months and three weeks. He had been given a three-week jail sentence in January, suspended for 12 months, for breaching an undertaking to leave Miss Grayson alone. The judge urged that Wall be given a psychiatric examination.

Meningitis man

A third man connected with Bicton College of Agriculture, East Devon, is in intensive care at the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital with meningitis. Two students are stable.

PC faces action

A police officer faces disciplinary action after writing a leaflet claiming that people on a housing estate in Kemsley, Kent, were criminals and making racist remarks about gypsies.

Lucky catch

Edward Corden, 21, of Derby has been told he can keep a sack full of silver worth almost £2,000 which he landed from the river Derwent at Alvaston, Derbyshire, six weeks ago.

Water hazard

A lake at Wellshurst Golf Club, Hellingly, East Sussex, which has been open 16 months, yielded 6,400 golf balls when it was drained.

Bronze bounty

An Etruscan bronze container made £106,000 at Christie's, more than the total of the three-day house sale at which it was bought in 1965.

Pager gift

BT has given more than 2,600 pagers to potential transplant patients to alert them if an organ becomes available.

Viewers protest at Bulger trial coverage

BY ALEXANDRA FREAN, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

TELEVISION coverage of the James Bulger murder trial has attracted more formal complaints than any other news item since the Broadcasting Standards Council was set up five years ago.

Announcing the results of a survey of violence in factual programmes, Lady Howe, chairwoman of the council, said it had received ten complaints about coverage of the Bulger trial and that more were expected. The previous record for complaints about a television news item was eight, generated by BBC1 footage of snipers shooting at refugee children in Bosnia.

The council could not comment on the Bulger coverage until it had considered all of the complaints. Lady Howe gave a warning, however, that more than half the nation's viewers felt "unnecessarily afraid" by the amount and style of violence in news bulletins, documentaries and crime reconstruction programmes.

She singled out crime reconstruction programmes for criticism and questioned the utility of those that dramatised crimes which had been solved, such as BBC1's *Crimewatch File* — as opposed to those which sought the public's help in solving them.

Lady Howe said that two thirds of people believed there was too much violence in all types of television programmes, reflecting the same level of concern as in 1991 and 1992. Violence was by far the greatest cause of concern for the viewing public.

The survey was based on a MORI survey of 1,296 adults and on a qualitative study into viewers' reactions conducted by Leeds University.

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Peer tells of Longleat sacking

BY ROBIN YOUNG

LORD Bath has publicly explained for the first time why within days of inheriting the title last year he sacked his brother, Lord Christopher Thynne. Lord Christopher had been running Longleat, the family's home in Wiltshire, for ten years.

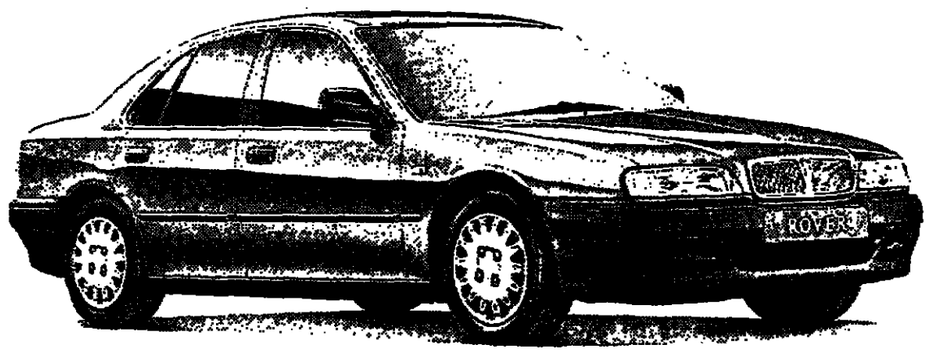
In an interview in *The Antique Collector*, published today, Lord Bath says: "Christopher did what my father wanted. I have always taken the line that I would do what I think right.

"The only way it would have worked was if the staff of the house had seen that they were working for me and not my brother. I had to put in a manager who would be loyal to myself and I had to do that as soon as possible."

Lord Bath has altered visitor arrangements at Longleat so that tourists now go directly from the state rooms into the west wing, which he has covered with his own paint and sawdust murals. He says: "My father, if anything, discouarged tourists from coming to see them."

Lord Bath has installed a flashing light to draw attention to what was at the time his own part of the house. Longleat is already embellished with a spiral staircase on which Lord Bath has hung 57 portraits of his mistresses.

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Deadly atmosphere claims lives in polluted cities

By Jeremy Laurance
Health Services Correspondent

CITIES with high levels of air pollution have death rates up to 26 per cent higher than less polluted cities, according to one of the most detailed investigations of the link between pollution and health.

The damaging effects of air pollution are confirmed by the study, which followed more than 8,000 adults in six American cities over 15 years.

More than 1,400 of the group died during the period and the study found that the death rate in the most polluted city, Steubenville, Ohio, was 26 per cent higher than in the least polluted, Portage, Wisconsin.

British experts said the levels of pollution found in America were similar to those in four cities surveyed last year: London, Birmingham, Newcastle and Cardiff.

AIR-POLLUTION LEVELS

Inhalable particles (with diameter less than 10 micrometres) measured in micrograms per cubic metre of air.

United States		United Kingdom	
Portage, Wisconsin	18.2	Birmingham	28.2
Watertown, Mass.	24.2	Newcastle	32.2
Topeka, Kansas	26.4	London	34.3
St Louis, Missouri	31.4	Cardiff	36.4
Harriman, Tennessee	32.5		
Steubenville, Ohio	46.5		

The six US cities were selected because they represent the range of urban pollution in America. Pollution levels vary from hour to hour with changes in traffic volume, the weather and other factors.

The study, published in today's *New England Journal of Medicine*, is one of the most powerful to establish a link between pollution and health because of its long time period and because it excludes other risk factors such as age, sex, obesity, level of education and occupation.

Among smokers, death rates were 75 per cent higher for men and 54 per cent higher for women in the most polluted cities, suggesting that smokers may be more sensitised to the damaging effects of air pollution than non-smokers.

The most damaging contaminants in the air are fine particles from vehicle exhausts and smoke made up of soot, acid condensates, sulphates and nitrates, according to the US study. These are thought to be more toxic because they can be breathed more deeply into the lungs than larger particles.

Other constituents such as sulphur dioxide and nitrogen dioxide, often blamed for the ill-effects of pollution, were less strongly associated with higher death rates.

The effects of ozone, also often blamed, could not be determined because levels did not differ appreciably among the cities.

Unexpectedly, the study found deaths from lung cancer and heart disease were more strongly linked with pollution levels than deaths from respiratory diseases such as asthma and bronchitis. Other studies have shown that hospital admissions, asthma attacks and other respiratory illnesses are higher where pollution is worse.

A leading article in the *New England Journal* says the consistency of the findings across the six cities is remarkable and is likely to renew concern about the safety of present pollution standards.

It adds, however, that the mechanism by which pollution causes ill health is still not understood. Laboratory studies have so far failed to show damaging effects of pollutants in the air at their present levels, possibly because they have focused on single agents instead of mixtures of them.

Plankton feeds acid clouds

By Nick Nuttall, Environment Correspondent

SIGNIFICANT levels of acid rain are being caused by giant blooms of plankton in the northeast Atlantic and the North Sea.

The findings, disclosed yesterday by the Natural Environment Research Council, could have important implications for pollution control. The blooms, which happen in spring and summer, are natural events but are being aggravated by pollution.

Up to a tenth of the acid rain falling on areas such as the Lake District and Scotland may be due to the activity of marine organisms. In less industrialised countries such as Ireland and Norway, between a third and three quarters of the acid rain falling might be due to plankton blooms at certain times of the year.

The plankton make dimethyl sulphide, which is taken up in rain clouds. It is turned into acid rain which has been linked with damage to forests and lakes. In spring and summer, 422,146 sq km of the northeastern Atlantic can be covered by sulphur-making plankton called *Coccolithophore*.

News of the findings came as ministers of nations bordering the North Sea concluded a meeting in Copenhagen aimed at setting new targets for curbing a range of pollutants. A report by the North Sea Task Force showed the failure of a five year-plan to reduce nitrate discharges into the sea by 50 per cent.

Nitrates act as a food source for the plankton and other organisms called blue green algae which are toxic to fish.

Environmentalists accused Britain of having played a key role in wrecking any agreement on curbing pollutants. Britain, represented by Tim Yeo, the environment minister, claimed nitrates were a problem for continental countries despite scientific evidence to the contrary.



David Stead yesterday with the cockerels that a court ruled can carry on crowing

Rooster ruling quells protest

By Paul Wilkinson

A COCKEREL'S right to crow in its farmyard has been upheld by a court and the council that tried to serve a noise abatement order now faces a £17,000 legal bill.

Council officials made five pre-dawn visits to a house near Strand Farm, Netherton, West Yorkshire, to record the persistent crowing. A reading of 56.5 decibels was deemed sufficient for a noise abatement order.

Wakefield magistrates decided to quash the notice after a three-day hearing. They agreed with David Stead, 63, that his birds were not a nuisance and ordered Wakefield council to pay his solicitor's bill and the fees of a noise expert.

Alan and Margater Stewart, Mr Stead's neighbours, claimed at the hearing that the cockerels had been used as a psychological weapon after they complained to the council about activities in the farmyard.

Mr Stewart said the farmer had deliberately moved his hen house and its 14 birds to the bottom of their garden, knowing the noise would wake them at 3am.

Avoid court at all costs, says Lord Chancellor

By Frances Gibb
Legal Correspondent

THE Lord Chancellor last night urged people to resolve disputes without using the formal courts system.

In the last of his Hamlyn lectures, Lord Mackay of Clashfern commended informal, accessible procedures such as found in the small claims arbitration procedure, or small claims "court".

Ombudsman schemes had recently been "gaining the confidence and imagination of the public", he added. "A characteristic that all ombudsman schemes have in common is their potential to adjudicate between disputing parties without the trappings or expense of going to court."

Lord Mackay said "procedural complexity and legalism" militated against cost-effectiveness in the civil justice system.

Any system run by the state had to be cost-effective; and those who controlled or influenced the judicial system had a duty to "do what we can to keep the law simple".

There had been calls for a new system of arbitration linked to the courts, on the ground that it would provide a cheaper and simpler system of justice. But there was no clear case for that, Lord Mackay said. To replace existing civil-justice procedures with a court-linked arbitration scheme would be papering over the cracks rather than looking at the root causes of the problems.

Not all cases were capable of being settled informally. Some were inherently complex and turned on arcane points of law and, without formal procedures, would take even longer to resolve than at present, he added.

But early settlement by informal means in most instances was "far more satisfactory for the parties than pursuing their disputes through the courts — however user-friendly and cost-effective court procedures might be".

Huskies hustled out of polar home

By Our Environment Correspondent

HUSKY dogs owned by the British Antarctic Survey are to be evicted from their polar home after generations of loyal service to scientists and explorers.

The dogs, descendants of about 65 brought from Labrador in the 1940s, will be shipped out by April after the failure of a campaign to keep them in Antarctica that lasted more than a year.

The blame for the eviction has been put on the Foreign Office. It is claimed that officials refused to back the campaign by survey scientists to allow the last 14 dogs to remain in defiance of a 39-nation treaty. The treaty, designed to preserve the environment of Antarctica from the effects of mining and marine pollution, bans alien species, which includes huskies.

The scientists want the last dogs allowed to stay until they die as they say it would be cruel to shoot them or send them away from their birthplace. But Australia and Argentina, which have already removed their dogs, and Greenpeace have been putting pressure on Britain to comply. A final expedition is planned for the new year, when Max, Jake, Urza, Pujok, Pris and the nine other dogs will be filmed towing their last Antarctic sleds. The huskies will then be shipped to North America where they will live at an outward bound centre.

Sir Vivian Fuchs, the veteran polar explorer, yesterday described the decision as a nonsense. "I can only think the people who decided this did not know what they were talking about." He said the dogs were invaluable in testing for ice slips and "in assisting morale" at far-flung bases.

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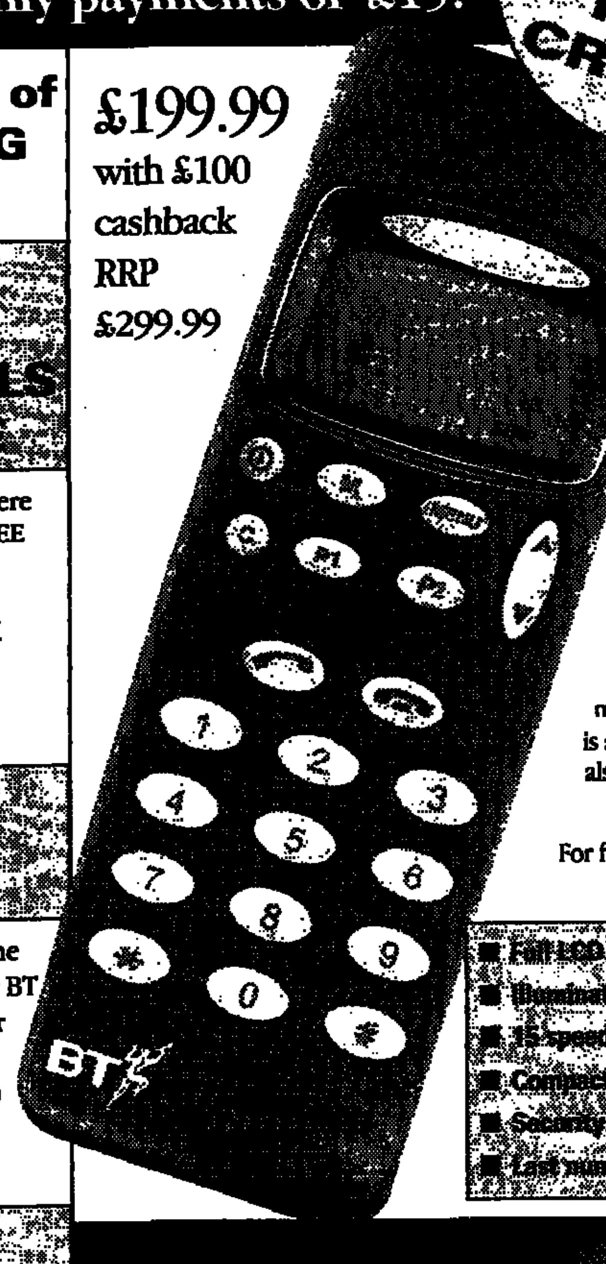
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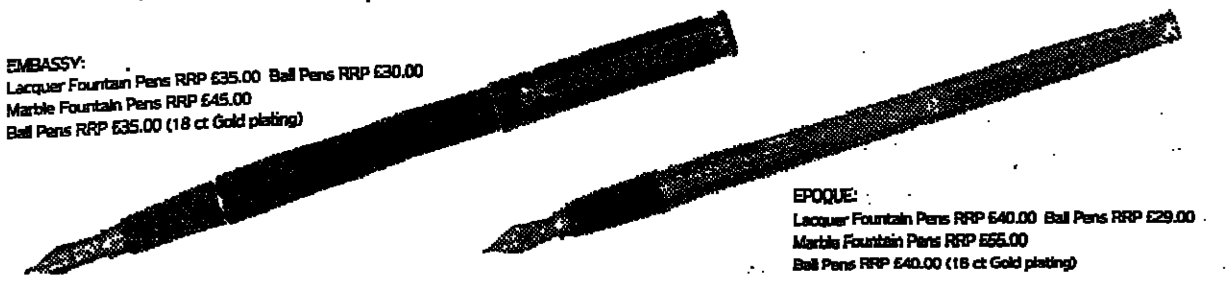
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Minister backs classroom pacts

Pupils lay down the law on discipline

BY BEN PRESTON, EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

A GOVERNMENT drive to combat poor classroom discipline will urge schools to negotiate rules on standards of behaviour and dress with pupils.

Eric Forth, the schools minister, said extensive guidelines to be issued before Christmas would advise head teachers and governors that school rules were far more effective when pupils felt they shared "ownership" and had helped to write them.

He told an Industrial Society conference that good discipline and behaviour were the keystones of education and that every school should recognise there were "five Rs" — reading, writing, arithmetic, right and wrong.

One teaching union said yesterday that classroom bullying was rife and more pupils realised they could intimidate teachers who tried to stop them by making false allegations under the Children Act.

The National Association of Schoolmasters and Union of Women Teachers (NASUWT) is about to issue advice telling teachers how to deal with violent confrontations without being injured.

Mr Forth said that in an ideal world the Government would not be required to issue two-inch-thick guidelines to schools about promoting discipline and good behaviour. There appeared, however, to be a voracious appetite in the education profession for what some called bumf, with documents not just welcomed but demanded.

The minister, who met the six teaching unions last month to help to draw up the guidelines, said schools should aim to encourage good behaviour by offering incentives as well as dealing firmly with wrongdoing. The process of teachers and pupils identifying concerns and constructing a response based on clear values and principles such as honesty, trust and self-respect was itself central to encouraging good behaviour.

Mr Forth said: "Everyone in the school — from governors, through the head and the teachers, down through the pupils and out to the parents and the community — everyone should know what is expected and what is disallowed. Nobody should be left in any doubt what standards are expected."

Bill Herron, the assistant general-secretary of the NASUWT, said time was running out to deal with indiscipline. He told the conference that bullies were getting younger and extortion and physical intimidation were common.

Most sinister, he said, was the apparent emergence of bullies who, if they were caught by teachers, realised they could deflect attention by making malicious allegations against staff. These had to be investigated under the Children Act, with teachers often suffering trauma.



Reggie Kray, 1960s gangland leader, flanked by Simon Melia, a fellow prisoner, and the actress Lady Alice Douglas, who starred in *Macbeth* at Blundeston jail, Suffolk, with the Inside Knowledge Theatre Company

Booked up libraries 'need extra £140m'

BY JOHN O'LEARY
EDUCATION EDITOR

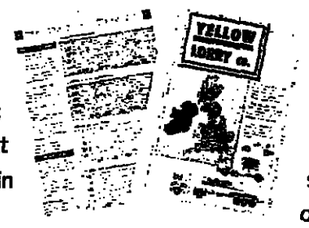
UNIVERSITY libraries are so crowded they need an extra £140 million to meet the demand from record numbers of students, according to a report published yesterday.

An independent study, commissioned by the higher education funding councils, found that 70 per cent more students were having to make do with only 3 per cent more library space. Sir Brian Follett, the vice-chancellor of Warwick University who chaired the enquiry, said an "enormous mismatch" had developed.

Longer opening hours and ad hoc extensions had failed to satisfy the additional demand. Colleges of higher education had registered most concern about the pressure on services, and most universities were short of space.

The report recommended spending £20 million on electronic information systems, but universities and colleges would be expected to find £90 million of the £140 million cost of immediate expansions.

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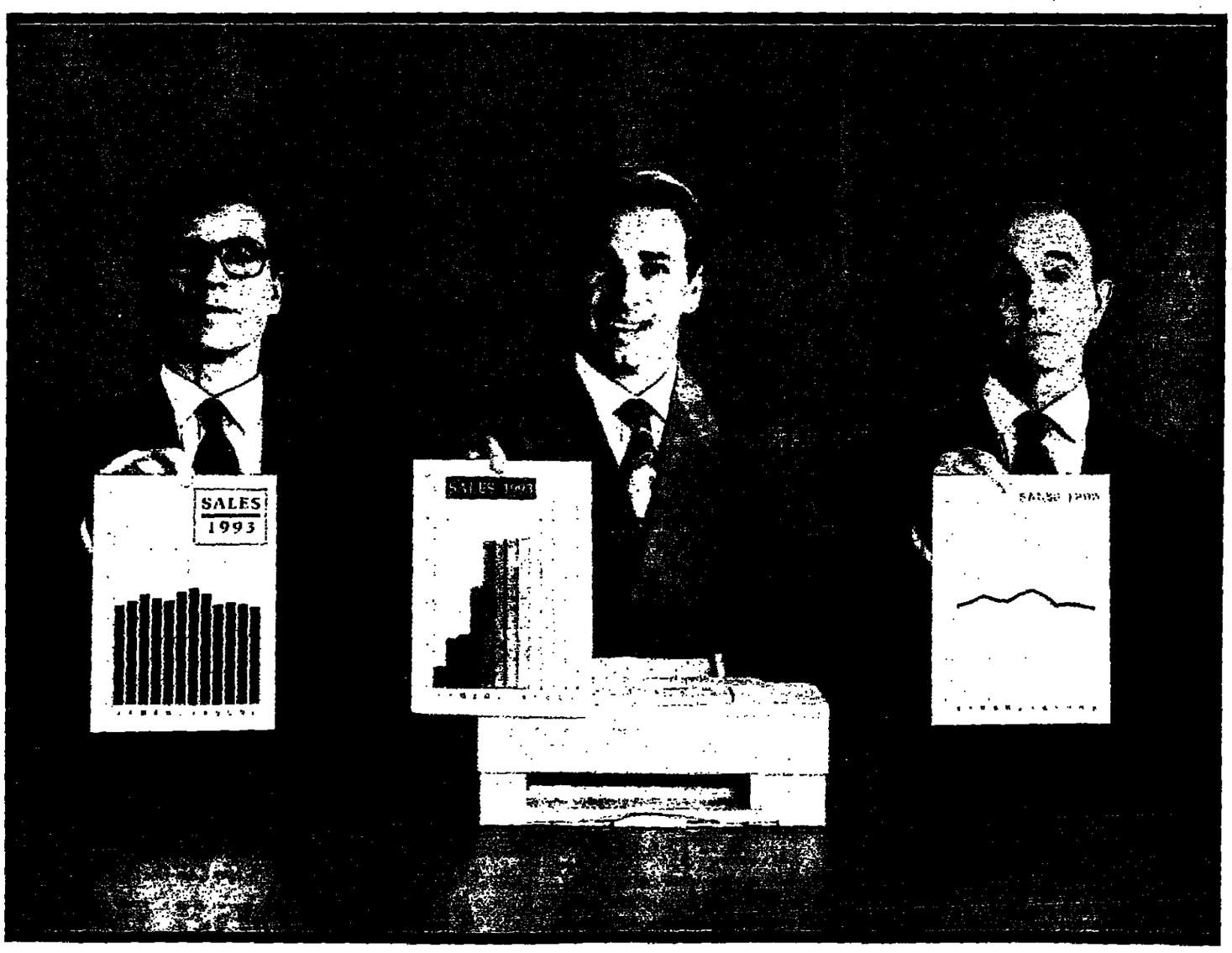
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London tells ticket touts to play fair

BY MARIANNE CORPHEY

A SCHEME adopted in New York to protect unsuspecting tourists from ticket touts should be introduced in London to end the capital's growing reputation for black marketeers and exorbitant prices, a new report says.

Foreign visitors are regularly being charged grossly inflated prices for basic services such as accommodation, theatre seats and taxis, according to the Joint London Tourism Forum.

In New York, the problem of huge mark-ups for show tickets has been tackled by a scheme requiring all touts to be officially registered. All tickets sold on the streets must show the original price of the ticket and the new price being charged by the tout.

The JLTF, set up by the London Tourist Board seven years ago, says the "proliferation of touts, whether for taxis, accommodation or theatre tickets is fast associating London with rip-offs rather than fairness".

Sir John Egan, the board chairman, said: "A scheme based on the New York model could work in London. If a ticket originally cost £50, a tourist might not mind paying a tout's price of £100. However, if it originally cost £2 and did not have a view of the stage, he would be very angry."

John Salisse, the JLTF chairman and board vice-chairman, said: "The Government is beginning to acknowledge that ticket touting is a problem that needs addressing, but we are not yet convinced that it fully understands our concerns. We are working with the Society of West End Theatre to look at ways of tackling touts."

The board says attempts are also being made to rid Victoria railway station in central London of accommodation touts who pester visitors as they step off the train from Gatwick airport and offer them hotel rooms which may turn out to be dirty, unsafe and overpriced.

London attracts more than ten million visitors from overseas every year. They spend £5 billion and, the board predicts, more than 13 million will arrive annually by the beginning of the next century.

Mr Salisse said: "All visitors to London are entitled to expect that they will be treated fairly and provided with services at the right price and of the right quality."

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KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Fide strikes back

THERE has been a sharp reaction from Fide, the international chess federation, to the announcement by the Professional Chess Association that it has secured sponsorship from Intel, the computer components company. Florencio Campomanes, the Fide president, in an interview given during the junior world chess championship in Calicut, India, said: "The Professional Chess Association is a short-lived breakaway organisation. Whatever they do would, in fact, help us the most, for, after they disappear, we would be left to enjoy the fruits of what they do if, at all, accidentally they somehow do something." Campomanes went on to criticise the British Chess Federation over its role in *The Times* World Chess Championship. He said that it was incumbent on the British Chess Federation to have forced Nigel Short to play in the Fide World Championship. However, it had not done so. According to Campomanes, it was too weak to take such decisive steps.

Belgrade

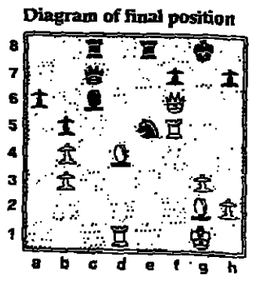
After three rounds of the powerful Investbanka tournament in Belgrade, Alexander Beliavsky of the Ukraine and Evgeny Bareev of Russia share the lead with 2.5 points. Half a point behind are Vladimir Kramnik of Russia and Vassilios Kotronias of Greece. Former British champion Julian Hodgson continued his drawing streak. In the third round, his half point came against Kotronias.

White: Oleg Romanishin
Black: Sergei Tiviakov
Belgrade, December 1993

Queens Indian Defence

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2	Nf3	e6
3	g3	b6
4	Bg2	Bb7
5	c4	Be7
6	Nc3	0-0
7	d5	Bb4
8	0-0	Na6
9	Nh4	Nc5
10	Na4	exd5
11	a3	Nxa4
12	axb4	b5
13	cxd5	Re8
14	Qd3	Nb6
15	e4	d6
16	Nf5	a6
17	b3	Nbd7
18	Bb2	Ne5
19	Qc2	c6
20	f4	Ng6
21	dxc6	Rc8
22	e5	dxe5
23	fxe5	Nxe5
24	Rad1	Qb6+
25	Bd4	Qc7
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27	Qf5	Bxc6
28	Qxf6+	Kg8
29	Rf5	Black resigns

Diagram of final position

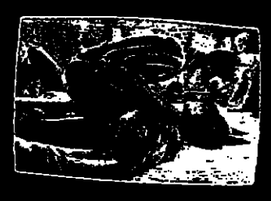
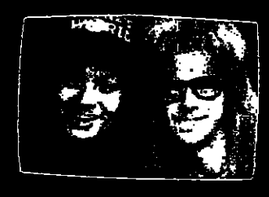


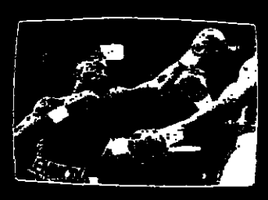
Oviedo

At the conclusion of the tournament in Oviedo, Spain, the leading positions were filled by Russian speakers. Anatoly Vaiser won with 11 points, ahead of Leonid Yudasin with 10½ points. The highest British player, on 9½ points, was James Plaskett. Also scoring 9½ points, with an extraordinary performance, was the computer programme, The King.

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Thatcher gives evidence at arms-to-Iraq enquiry

'Export guidelines are not strict law'

The former Prime Minister denies that she was informed officially of a change in the rules on defence exports

BARONESS Thatcher yesterday told Lord Justice Scott's arms-to-Iraq enquiry that guidelines drawn up to stop defence equipment reaching Baghdad were not "strict law".

She said the guidelines announced in 1985 by the then Foreign Secretary, Lord Howe, during the Iran-Iraq war were issued purely as guidance for civil servants.

Nevertheless, Lady Thatcher insisted that the guidelines — which applied to both combatants in the conflict — should under normal circumstances have been followed. "The guidelines are guidance for the officials," she said. "They are not strict law and of course they have to be applied according to the relevant circumstances. They are expected to be followed — that is why we have them.

"Lethal equipment we do not export. The guidelines are exactly what they say. They are guidelines. They are not strict law.

"I do not believe we would ignore the guidelines for exports. That would have been a breach of the general meaning and application of the guidelines."

The enquiry has been trying to establish how much ministers and civil servants knew about Britain's trade with Saddam Hussein's regime. Lady Thatcher said that in her time in office she could only recall one case being referred to her under the guidelines — the proposed sale of Hawk Trainer jets to Iraq in 1989 — which she refused.

The former Prime Minister, dressed in a dark green suit, appeared in a combative mood during the early exchanges with the enquiry's counsel, Presiley Baxendale QC. At one point she pulled her up sharply, saying: "The precise question was, Miss Baxendale? You are more familiar with this. I have a lot of paper I have not seen before."

Lady Thatcher's temper began to fray soon after the hearing began when she was questioned about an 11-month gap between drawing up guidelines restricting exports to Iran and Iraq and their publication. At one point she suggested to Miss Baxendale "with the greatest respect in the world" that she had said all she could on the matter.

"Most of the documents before me I have never seen. I was concerned with the big issues."

Asked by Miss Baxendale whether it was acceptable that it took 11 months for the guidelines to be announced in Parliament, Lady Thatcher said: "I could never have done my job as Prime Minister if I had to deal with all these things. I didn't see most of these documents, and I couldn't have seen all these documents."

At another stage she accused the lawyer of returning to the question "again and again and again and again".

The enquiry heard that the guidelines were drawn up in late 1984 but ministers and officials decided not to announce them in a high profile way, opting instead to let them "trickle out". They were finally made public after a parliamentary question in October 1985. Lord Justice Scott questioned Lady Thatcher about this delay. She replied: "There was a gap. Obviously one wonders about this.

"I understand that it was rare for such guidelines to be made public but they were made public," she added.

Miss Baxendale then turned to the delay, clearly annoying the former Prime Minister with her insistence.

"The policy was placed on record and I think with respect we have already dealt with the gap," replied Lady Thatcher, her voice taking on an increasingly stern tone.

Miss Baxendale stuck with the question, asking whether it was possible to debate changes in Government policy if they were not made public. "It's right in a democratic society that there should be an opportunity to debate Government policies," she said.

> **'Miss Baxendale, if I had seen every copy of every minute when I was in Government I would have been in a snowstorm'**

Lady Thatcher, her face reddening, insisted that there were plenty of opportunities to debate Government policy. She added: "Miss Baxendale I think you are asking the same question in a different way."

Lord Justice Scott took up the point again, pressing the former Prime Minister about the delay. Lady Thatcher said it had not been her decision to delay the announcement and conceded: "It might have been better if we had published earlier."

On several occasions Miss Baxendale referred Lady Thatcher to various Government documents, provoking further exasperation. "I have never seen so much paper," Lady Thatcher said at one point. On another occasion she added: "Miss Baxendale, if I had seen every copy of every minute when I was in Government I would have been in a snowstorm."

Lady Thatcher, faced with 76 pages of questions and evidence from among the 130,000 documents being examined by the enquiry, exclaimed at one point: "Is there more paper!" Miss Baxendale replied: "There's much more paper." Mrs Thatcher said: "I've never seen so much paper."

When referred to a specific document from the Foreign Office, Lady Thatcher responded: "Miss Baxendale, I'm not going to comment on a background note to a minister who had great responsibilities and was fully capable of discharging those responsibilities." She added: "It still comes back to the same question and the same answer." Miss Baxendale said: "I'm not quite sure that you've answered the question. Do you think it satisfactory that it took 11 months for the guidelines to trickle out?" Lady Thatcher: "The guidelines were coming out.

"We come back to the same question again and again and again and again. I understand that your criticism is that the guidelines were not published in full immediately. Nevertheless it is a fact that the guidelines were applied."

Lady Thatcher said that when questions were asked about the policy they were answered and there was no attempt to conceal anything. But she added: "The question will still remain as to the gap."

She defended the secret decision in 1988 by three of her junior ministers to relax guidelines drawn up to stop defence equipment reaching Baghdad. Lady Thatcher said the decision — by William Waldegrave, Alan Clark and Lord Trefgarne — appeared to have been taken in response to changed circumstances following the ceasefire in the Iran-Iraq war and did not amount to a policy change. "It seems to me abundantly clear that when they proposed this change they didn't regard it as a change of policy but a change of circumstances."

Although she was not informed officially, she said she may have been told what they were doing. "It may have been mentioned to me by one of my secretaries. I have no recollection if it was," she said.



Lady Thatcher arriving at the enquiry yesterday

Lady Thatcher told the hearing that her main concern had been that Iraq should not acquire nuclear weapons or chemical warfare technology. "The thought of anything nuclear getting into the hands of a government such as Iraq that would have no scruples about the ultimate weapon was absolutely horrific," she said.

Later Lady Thatcher said, however, that whether or not the changes in the guidelines amounted to a change in policy or were just a new interpretation, she should have been told by the ministers concerned "In any case I would have preferred to have been informed," she said.

She said that the changes should have been set out in a formal letter to her.

Lady Thatcher denied approving the export of Matrix Churchill machine tools to Iraq despite warnings that they were to be used to make shells and missiles.

She heard details from a Ministry of Defence document suggesting that she had allowed the export orders because she feared for the safety of an intelligence source in the company who had tipped off the Government about the use Iraq was planning for the equipment.

The aide memoire was written by Alan Barrett, deputy head of the MoD's defence export services secretariat, in December 1988. Mr Barrett said in the document that the Prime Minister had agreed not to revoke the export licences for the lathes.

But Lady Thatcher was adamant yesterday that she took no part in the decision. "I have no recollection of being involved. I have no knowledge of this at all," she said.

Miss Baxendale asked her why she thought Mr Barrett had said she was involved if she had not been. Lady Thatcher said: "If I was involved it would have come up in a note. There is no such note in existence. No submission came to me on Matrix Churchill." She told the hearing that she had asked for a trawl through Government documents to see if any linked her with the Matrix Churchill business, but none had.

Earlier, Lady Thatcher was asked about a letter sent in reply to an aircraft industry businessman who had enquired about the Government's decision to block the sale of British-made Hawk trainer aircraft to Iraq.

Lady Thatcher said she had felt there was no way Iraq could have been supplied with the aircraft at the time, particularly given Baghdad's record of using chemical weapons on rebel Kurd villages.

In the letter the businessman was told that the 1985 guidelines governing defence sales to Iran and Iraq were being applied strictly and impartially. This contradicts evidence given to the hearing that ministers had decided after the end of the Iran-Iraq war in 1988 to relax the application of the guidelines with reference to Iraq while keeping them strictly in place for Iran because of the *fatwah* issued against the author Salman Rushdie.

Lord Justice Scott, commenting on the contradiction, said: "I find it very difficult to see why this inaccuracy is to be found."

Lady Thatcher said the letter had been a "general reply" and gave a "general view".

She said the repeated failure of the Whitehall machine to pick up intelligence warnings that machine tools built by Matrix Churchill were going to Iraqi munitions factories was a "matter for concern and enquiry".

In the preceding weeks the enquiry has seen numerous reports from MI6 and the Government's secret listening post, GCHQ, linking the firm to Iraq's arms procurement network. However, they were consistently overlooked or not acted on by officials in the three departments concerned — the Foreign Office, the Ministry of Defence and Trade and Industry.

Lady Thatcher said: "Either the machinery was there and it was not effective on that occasion, or else the machinery itself was defective. Either way it was a matter for concern and enquiry."

The enquiry was adjourned until Monday.

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UN inspectors examing parts of Saddam Hussein's supergun in 1991

Flying sparks shed little light

ENQUIRY SKETCH
By Joe Joseph

Having spent a decade in Downing Street insisting she knew better than anyone else, the standing-room-only audience at the Scott enquiry was keen to see how Baroness Thatcher would go about convincing us that, in the case of illicit arms sales to Iraq, she knew nothing at all. It's not that Daniel didn't eventually triumph over Goliath: just that the odds were stacked heavily against him.

Dressed in a dark suit, high heels, and pearls, Lady Thatcher attended the enquiry in the manner of a celebrity who has been persuaded to appear on a rather naff game show only because it is being filmed for a worthy charity. The show Lady Thatcher had in mind was the one in which contestants were made to face a volley of questions from Michael Miles without uttering either "yes" or "no". Her technique was: never explain, never blush, just outlast the clock.

Presiley Baxendale QC, the pin-sharp enquiry lawyer, was treating Lady Thatcher like a runaway father who is being called on for maintenance. Lady Thatcher, meanwhile, treated Miss Baxendale as if she was a temporary secretary taking memos for her important boss, Lord Justice Scott, sitting on the QC's right.

Lady Thatcher never said "yes" or "no", though you could always decipher what she really wanted to say to Miss Baxendale. This was, roughly: "Look, missy, I've faced questioning from tougher cookies than you, and I left them all in crumbs." It was a technique that made for sparks, but little illumination.

"Miss Baxendale", Lady Thatcher said. "I think you're asking the same question in a different way. I don't think I can usefully add anything more." *(Real meaning: I could pass three new laws in the time it takes you to ask the same question six different ways).* When the QC had the cheek to press for an answer, the former Prime Minister wore her most indulgent smile to reply: "That, I *think*, is a matter for his lordship."

When asked to look at yet another document, Lady Thatcher stammered, incredulous: "Is there more paper? I've never seen so much paper!" *(Real meaning: all this paperwork is probably how QCs justify their huge fees to their clients. Have these cossetted people ever had to do real work, like cutting taxes, fighting wars, winning elections?)*

Just once, Lady Thatcher seemed in danger. "It's being very fast on your feet," she responded, when Lord Justice Scott wondered how prime ministers prepared for the lottery of parliamentary questions. "Even faster than you have to be in court." Only just in time she added: "If that is possible."

Throughout the day, Lady Thatcher dropped hints that the whole thing was beginning to strike her as a meeting whose length outweighed its importance. She dropped the hints by snapping shut her glasses, sheathing her pen and tidying her papers, as if expecting Lord Justice Scott to adjourn.

But this just provoked Miss Baxendale. What does this mean? asked the QC.

"It means exactly what it says. Exactly what it says."

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"If it is relevant, certainly."

The show revealed what life must have been like inside the cabinet room. Lady Thatcher recalled how a meeting of senior ministers in 1989, on exporting Hawk Trainer aircraft to Baghdad, was drawn to a speedy close after she emphasised the immorality of selling Hawks to a regime that was gassing the Kurds. "Does anyone wish to argue to the contrary?" she had asked her ministers.

By then even Miss Baxendale was unsurprised to hear that, "Not one of them did."

Heath returns to Baghdad on second mercy mission

By Michael Binyon and Jill Sherman

AS Baroness Thatcher yesterday gave evidence to the Scott enquiry, her predecessor in office arrived in Baghdad prepared to meet the Iraqi leader in an attempt to free three Britons jailed for illegally entering the country.

Sir Edward Heath's mission to free Paul Ride, Michael Wainwright and Simon Dunn, who are held in Abu Graith jail, has the support of Downing Street and the Foreign Office — in contrast to his previous visit in October 1990, three months before the Gulf War. At that time the Thatcher government strongly opposed any direct dealings with President Saddam. Conservative backbenchers criticised his mission, saying he was being used as a propaganda tool.

After his return with the freed hostages, Mrs Thatcher was clearly embarrassed by his role and pointedly declined to congratulate him in the Commons.

This time, although the Foreign Office again insisted that the visit was Mr Heath's own initiative, it has itself been preparing the ground. On several occasions it has sent messages to Baghdad that the three men should be released. It has alsobeen in touch with the Russians, who are officially looking after British interests in Baghdad. Russian consular officials have visited the three men in prison, and the Russians helped in earlier contacts with the Iraqis over 1990 hostages.

Britain does not maintain any diplomats in the Russian embassy, however, as there are now no British citizens living in Baghdad, and no commercial activities where British interests are involved.

The three men were all sentenced to lengthy prison terms for illegally crossing the border from Kuwait. Mr Ride and Mr Wainwright were sentenced last year to seven and ten years respectively, and Mr Dunn was sentenced in June to eight years. Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, has repeatedly criticised the sentences as wholly disproportionate to the offences, and has appealed to Iraq to release the men.



Heath: on mission to free prisoners

An approach was made some time ago to Sir Edward to intervene, but it was rumoured that Iraq was not ready to accept his mediation, believing he did not have a high enough profile or enough influence over British Government policy. However, the Iraqis made a direct approach to him recently through Tariq Aziz, the deputy Prime Minister. Mr Aziz has also discussed the case of the three men with Sir David Hannay, Britain's permanent representative to the United Nations.

Sir Edward took with him his private secretary and his doctor, Dr Jeffrey Easton, in case the three prisoners needed treatment after incarceration in one of Iraq's most notorious prisons. Dr Easton also accompanied Sir Edward on his visit to Baghdad in 1990.

Sir Edward's office confirmed yesterday that his mission, though prompted by the families, had Foreign Office co-operation and support. He was given the go-ahead for the trip yesterday and left with members of his staff for Amman in Jordan, where he met British diplomatic staff. No return date has been fixed.

"The sooner he comes back with the men, the better," a spokesman in his office said.

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Sanctions forcing Saddam to offer goodwill pledges

FROM MICHAEL THEODOULOU IN NICOSIA



Ride: strained relations with prison companion



Wainwright: "unaware of what has been happening"

THE possible release of three jailed Britons in Baghdad is part of an attempt by President Saddam Hussein to show a more humane face in the run-up to Christmas.

The move comes after Iraq's acceptance of a long-term monitoring programme of its weapons potential, which meets a key United Nations demand for the lifting of the oil embargo. Behind it lies a simple truth: the sanctions are hurting.

"The economy is Saddam's Achilles' heel," said Saad Jabr, of the Free Iraqi Council. "It's going from bad to worse. The falling dinar is really hitting people with fixed salaries, like soldiers, teachers and civil servants — people he needs," added Mr Jabr, the son of a former Iraqi prime minister.

Iraq had previously refused to free the Britons unless Britain released Iraqi assets worth millions of pounds seized in the Gulf War. Britain refuses to do so until Iraq complies with UN resolutions.

Mr Jabr said Saddam was still shaken by a coup attempt in July which for the first time involved leading figures from his Sunni Muslim power base, including top officers from his home town, Takrit. Saddam executed scores of suspects which has left their relatives revengeful. "He needs sanctions to be lifted to quieten the malcontents," Mr Jabr said.

Sir Edward Heath's mission comes exactly three years after the first batch of 1,200 British hostages flew home from Iraq when Saddam was trying to avert the allied attack that reversed his invasion of Kuwait. Sir Edward, and other elder statesmen such as Willy Brandt, the former German chancellor, played a big part in persuading the Iraqi leader to stop using his human shield that included 2,600 Western and Japanese hostages.

The Iraqi leader has continued to respond only to mercy appeals from government leaders or elder statesmen in an attempt to rehabilitate himself in international politics and secure an end to sanctions that have caused the Iraqi dinar to plumb new depths. Before the invasion of Kuwait one Iraqi dinar was worth three dollars. Now one dollar buys 170 dinars. Mere MPs, such as Labour's Tam Dalyell and George Galloway, who visited the British prisoners in June, left empty-handed.

On November 15, Saddam ordered the release of Kenneth Beatty, 45, an American oil worker with a heart problem. By freeing his British and American captives, Saddam hopes to placate the two countries he deems most insistent on maintaining sanctions.

Saddam also released two Swedes in September in response to an appeal from King Carl Gustav and a Filipino after a direct message from President Ramos.

Iraq seized several foreigners who apparently strayed across from Kuwait, mostly to protest against the new border drawn between the countries by the United Nations mainly in the emirate's favour. But it was also clear that Baghdad viewed the prisoners as pawns to be used for political rewards.

Families wait and hope for early reunion

BY PAUL WILKINSON AND BILL FROST



Julie Ride and her son William at their home in East London with letters sent by Paul Ride from prison in Iraq

THE families of Michael Wainwright and Paul Ride, two of the three Britons imprisoned in Iraq, yesterday expressed guarded optimism that the captives would soon be home. They also thanked Sir Edward Heath for his role in seeking the men's freedom.

Mr Wainwright's sister, Susan Priestley, said that the former Prime Minister expected to bring them out of Baghdad before the weekend. "We are so excited, but we hardly dare believe it in case something goes wrong at the last minute," she said at her home in Ripponden, West Yorkshire.

"Sir Edward told us before he left that he would not go out there unless he knew he was going to bring them back with him. We are so grateful to him and we are now praying everything goes smoothly. We dont know whether to cry or laugh."

Mrs Priestley disclosed that they had been unable to tell her brother about the moves to free him. "Michael does not know anything about what is happening, not a thing about it at all. There are lots of things we cannot tell him in case they fall through. It is very difficult for us.

"Each letter Michael sends he wants to know the news, but he can get very depressed very quickly and we don't like to build his hopes up too much. But in his last few letters he has been in quite high spirits because five other prisoners have been released.

"We were given big hope when the American was released recently and the British have used to same techniques as they did."

Mr Wainwright's mother, Iris, said: "These last 18 months have been murder. Now it looks as if it's over, but we won't believe it until we see him on solid ground over here."

Shared misfortune has not united Mr Ride and Mr Wainwright, according to those who have visited the pair at Abu Gharaib jail in Baghdad since their incarceration began. In fact the relationship between the two men has grown increasingly strained since they were imprisoned. Mr Ride's wife, Julie, said earlier this year that they had nothing in common: "They don't get on at all. As much as they try, it just doesn't seem to work." Mrs Priestley agreed.

"Michael seems to get on well with everybody apart from Paul. I don't know why they don't hit it off. I suppose it is just one of those things."

A third Briton, Simon Dunn, was jailed for eight years last June after being arrested at gunpoint for illegally entering Iraq from Kuwait. A German was also held. Mr Dunn, 23, who was working as a civil engineer in Kuwait, is at the same jail as Mr Ride and Mr Wainwright on the outskirts of the Iraqi capital. His parents, who live in the Gulf region, have requested the Foreign Office to keep publicity to a minimum.

North African terrorism campaign

Algerian fundamentalists kill Briton

BY ALFRED HERMIDA, NORTH AFRICA CORRESPONDENT, AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

A BRITON was gunned down by Islamic militants in Algeria in the latest of a spate of attacks against foreigners, the authorities said yesterday. Malcolm Vincent, 41, a computer expert, from Wiltshire, was the fourth foreigner to be killed since the deadline set by the Armed Islamic Group for foreigners to leave the country expired on December 1.

Mr Vincent was killed on Tuesday evening when he stopped at a service station in Arzew, western Algeria. He was filling the petrol tank of his car when two armed men demanded he hand over the keys. When he refused he was shot in the chest and died on the way to hospital.

He was the first Britain to be killed since the militants started attacking foreigners in September. Mr Vincent worked for the Pullman-Kellogg company on a contract for the state-owned oil giant Sonatrach and lived alone at its complex at Arzew. His wife and children are in Britain.

Eighteen of 70 employees of the British company in Algeria are now planning to leave. "The departures will not have a serious effect on the activities of Pullman-Kellogg," a Sonatrach official said. It was working with other foreign companies to renovate equipment at the Arzew gas production complex.

The attacks against foreigners are the latest twist in the violent campaign by Muslim extremists to overthrow the military-backed government and install an Islamic regime. Some 2,000 people have died in the two-year struggle between the Islamic guerrillas and the army. The assassination of foreigners began three months ago with the kidnapping of two French surveyors working in the west of the country. They were found a day later with their throats slashed. In the following weeks, five more foreigners were killed in attacks blamed on Muslim militants.

At the end of October three French consular officials were kidnapped in Algiers. They were freed after a week-long manhunt by the security forces, with a warning from the militants to foreigners to leave the country within a month. "Anyone who exceeds that period will be responsible for his own sudden death. There will be no kidnappings and the campaign will be more violent than in Egypt," said a scribbled note.

Since the passing of the deadline, the militants have killed a Spanish businessman, a Russian housewife and a French pensioner, and injured an Italian entrepreneur. The Foreign Office yesterday expressed its grave concern for the safety of the 335 Britons in Algeria, most of whom work in the oil industry. Last month the Foreign Office urged Britons to postpone all but essential trips to the country. Other Western countries, such as France, Spain and Italy, have issued similar warnings to their nationals.

The wave of attacks has raised fears among the 75,000 foreigners in Algeria and thousands have left. "We are urging the dependants of embassy staff to consider carefully whether to stay and advising those who remain in the country to take all sensible precautions," said a spokesman for the British embassy in Algiers.

Those remaining have been told to avoid travelling at night, on isolated roads or in Islamic fundamentalist strongholds. Expatriates living in suburbs in Algiers have moved to hotels in the city centre and have stopped using cars with diplomatic or foreign number plates. School holidays have been brought forward and many families are expected to take advantage of the Christmas break to go back home.

Yesterday four gunmen burst into a house in Oued-Fodda, about 90 miles west of Algiers, and shot dead eight people sitting at a lunch table. They reportedly ordered their victims to raise their arms before firing their machineguns and shotguns until they ran out of ammunition. Two people survived the shooting, which the APS news agency blamed on "terrorists", the official term for armed Muslim militants.

SUSPECTED Muslim militants shot dead a policeman in the Egyptian province of Qena, the home of several militants hanged this year for attacks on police and foreign tourists (Our Foreign Staff writes). Egyptian police have rounded up more than 1,200 Muslim activists since last week.

In France, police yesterday raided the homes of 12 Tunisian Islamic fundamentalists in Paris, Lyons and Grenoble areas, seeking evidence of an alleged conspiracy to carry out terrorist attacks. Five were held for questioning.

Israel boosts its forces after Palestinian shoots settler

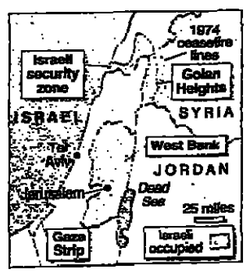
FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN JERUSALEM

THE same Israeli force which is supposed to start withdrawing from the occupied territories on Monday was being bolstered yesterday with thousands of reinforcements in an attempt to curb the recent spate of violence.

The reinforcement order came as a Jewish settler was shot in the stomach by a Palestinian gunman in Bethlehem and after Israeli security forces rounded up 80 suspected activists belonging to his Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine.

Six years after the first Palestinian youths took on the Israeli army to ignite the intifada little has altered in the routine of conflict. Although Israelis and Palestinians are only four days away from the scheduled start of the deal to settle their differences peacefully and recognise each other's rights, there are few signs on the streets that peaceful change is on the way.

"The Palestinian street belongs to the opponents of the peace accord and so does the Israeli street," said a Palestinian official involved in setting up the administration for self-rule. "On December 13 we should be celebrating, but instead I will probably be



hiding my face in shame from my people. We have not succeeded in delivering what we promised."

The official's disenchantment, reflected in equal measure on the Israeli side, has less to do with the expected postponement of a final agreement between Israel and the PLO on the handover of power than with the realisation that burying 45 years of conflict will be a long, hard and bloody task.

While it is widely expected that Israeli forces will begin their pullback from the Gaza Strip and Jericho, in the present circumstances a broader Israeli withdrawal from the West Bank and resolution of the problems of Jewish settlements and the sovereignty of Jerusalem seem in today's climate beyond the realms of possibility.

Apart from the 50 Arabs and Jews who have been killed since the peace-signing ceremony, the real casualties of the spiralling violence are the two men who made the agreement possible and sealed it with a memorable handshake on the White House lawn — Yitzhak Rabin, the Israeli Prime Minister, and Yassir Arafat, the PLO chairman.

Mr Rabin has seen support for his peace deal slip by an average of ten points a month since the signing ceremony. Where once the talk was of the rich peace dividend waiting for Israel, today the only voices heard are those questioning the country's security.

Even President Weizman, a strong supporter of peace, who has displayed a talent for capturing the mood of the country, hinted that the government's one-seat parliamentary majority might not survive in the present public mood. "The broadest base possible is definitely needed for the government's difficult course, especially when the people are in confusion," he said.

US ready for delay on pullout

FROM REUTER IN CAIRO

AMERICA will not object if Israel delays its troop withdrawal from the Gaza Strip and Jericho provided the Palestine Liberation Organisation also agrees, Warren Christopher, the Secretary of State, said yesterday.

"If the two parties would agree that they need a few more days or whatever period of time to work out existing problems... the United States would not have an independent judgment that was adverse," he said. But he urged Israel and the PLO, which have been holding talks at a secret location in Cairo, to implement their accord soon to increase the chances for an end to the violence.

Israeli troops are scheduled to start their withdrawal from the Gaza Strip and the West Bank town of Jericho on Monday. Yassir Arafat, the chairman of the PLO, has said in Germany this week that December 13 was "a sacred date", and he could not imagine postponing the deadline, but Yitzhak Rabin, the Israeli Prime Minister, said last month that the date was "not written in the Ten Commandments".

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Casino falls silent as Balladur gambles all on a single throw



Balladur: staking his career on Gatt victory

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN PARIS

■ Edouard Balladur's gambit is being compared with Margaret Thatcher's pursuit of EC funds in the 1980s. Like her, he stands to gain a good deal

FRANCE'S year-long psychodrama over the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade will reach a climax in the next few days as Edouard Balladur, the Prime Minister, tries to wrench money from his European allies and then seeks a parliamentary vote on which he will effectively stake his political career.

M Balladur announced the confidence vote, scheduled for next Monday, after his government said it had won enough from the Americans over subsidised agricultural exports to accept the revised Blair House accord between America and the European Community. The catch is that EC states must compensate French farmers for any losses they might suffer.

M Balladur's gambit, which is being compared by commentators to Margaret Thatcher's pursuit of EC funds in the 1980s, is not appreciated by the Germans and the British who see no reason to proffer more handouts to France's noisiest pressure group.

It could, however, make the difference between a destructive revolt by disappointed farmers and members of M Balladur's own Gaullist party and French acceptance of a deal desired by the rest of the world. Appeasing the farmers is a main priority in the latest phase of M Balladur's three-sided poker game over Gatt. Minority farmers' unions cried treason yesterday. Leaders of the mainstream bodies, allied to the Gaullists, consulted President Mitterrand and warned the government against "trading away French agriculture" at the European summit on Friday.

While M Balladur put a rosy gloss on the progress of the Gatt negotiations for the first time, he noted that "the next three days will be decisive". The prudent M Balladur is hardly the man to stake the family jewels on a throw of the dice, but he is in the position of a gambler whose high stake has caused a hush in the casino.

A key to what the rest of the world sees as French bloody-mindedness in the free trade effort is the fact that M Balladur is being forced to play his Gatt hand on three fronts at once. His opponents are America, the EC partners and the political classes at home, including senior Gaullists who are hostile to the notion of any accord. A sub-text is the rivalry between M Balladur and his mentor Jacques Chirac, the Gaullist leader and contender for the presidency in 1995. M Chirac has cast himself as a champion of the farmers and of national identity, which are held to be threatened by an unfavourable free trade agreement. He has been silent this week except to note yesterday that he supported "the firmness with which the government and Alain Juppé [the Foreign Minister] in particular" were conducting negotiations. His failure to cite M Balladur spoke volumes. M Chirac's attitude will be decisive in the debate next week, where the confidence vote will force snipers from the Gaullist and allied centrist bloc to step into line or stage an open revolt. He is virtually certain to win.

If M Balladur defuses what he calls "the trap" of the Gatt negotiation and wins an acceptable accord, he will reap great political credit, positioning himself as likely favourite in the campaign to succeed M Mitterrand. According to the political logic, the prime minister, who has taken a close personal charge of the Gatt negotiation, must drive the hardest possible bargain in order to sell an eventual accord to parliament and to a public which has been taught by incessant rhetoric over the past year to view Gatt as a four-letter word denoting aggression against France. The mechanism could be seen operating on Monday night when French ministers began signalling their acceptance of the Blair House accord limiting subsidised farm exports. Farmers' leaders immediately called treason. This in turn prompted M Juppé to strike a tough new posture in Brussels.

The anti-Gatt emotion reflects the neurosis of a recession-ridden France over what it sees as waning Gallic clout in the face of American domination of world culture and trade. Though France is one of the top exporters in the world and stands to gain heavily from the removal of barriers, it still sees free trade as an alien concept that runs counter to its ancient belief in the value of protective tariffs and managed commerce. French suspicions that Gatt is an Anglo-Saxon plot have been strengthened by the "Anglo-Saxon" origins of two of the main players. Sir Leon Brittan, the European commissioner for external trade, and Peter Sutherland, the Gatt director-general.

The stakes were raised by a general election campaign early in the year in which both Gaullists and Socialists competed to outbid each other in patriotic rejection of what is held to be a mortal threat directed at two main areas: the treasured rural life which is at the heart of France's self-image, and the films, books and music which France sees as the only worthy counterbalance to American popular culture. Leading French film-makers continued their loud crusade against "American intransigeance" yesterday. A French-led group, including Claude Bérri, Claude Lelouch, Bernardo Bertolucci and Wim Wenders are to go to Geneva today to tell Mr Sutherland that "Europe will cease to exist" if the Americans are allowed to kill the subsidies and quotas which protect native industries.

Delors admits EC failures as jobs plan angers Major

BY GEORGE BROCK IN BRUSSELS AND PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

EUROPE is drifting without a sense of direction and the first phase of monetary union has been a failure, Jacques Delors admitted yesterday as he launched his prescriptions for a "new deal" to create jobs and economic growth.

Even as M Delors was owning up to European shortcomings, he was facing an angry confrontation with John Major and Kenneth Clarke over plans by Brussels for a big public works programme to cut unemployment by up to 1.5 million over three years. Britain accused M Delors last night of a "cynical ploy" in tabling the document only two days before the weekend's European summit and after last weekend's meeting of European finance ministers who should have seen it first.

The president of the European Commission published an 184-page "white paper" advising those attending the the European summit how to deal with Europe's dole queue of 18 million and how to compete more effectively with America and Japan. M Delors complained in pained tones that he had been made the scapegoat for the European Union's failures, which could be remedied only by using the Maastricht treaty to develop a "fast-track" single currency for a few states and by rapidly deepening political union.

Chances of significant progress on M Delors' job plans seemed slim after government officials said it would be absurd to take sudden decisions before proper discussion by the finance ministers. "It is extremely disappointing that the Commission did not meet its deadline," one official said.

Officials predicted a dispute tomorrow and said there would be ill feeling when the Brussels debate began. In unusually strong language they added: "It is an unhelpful way of proceeding."

The pre-summit atmosphere was soured as British government officials lined up to downgrade the importance of the Delors paper and to attack his tactics. He was accused of failing to keep to an agreement reached at Copenhagen in June to produce the paper in time for finance ministers to scrutinise it.

President Clinton called on every nation yesterday to "seize this moment" and reach a world trade liberalisation agreement that would spur a "gobal economic boom". He was speaking about the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade talks at a ceremony in Washington to sign legislation to implement the North American Free Trade Agreement.

The Labour Party, however, came out strongly behind the Delors approach. While making clear it did not sign up to every proposal, Labour said the Government had a duty to accept proposals that would reduce the jobless figure but not result in additional burdens on the British taxpayer.

Reflecting a federalist fear that allowing Austria, Sweden, Finland and Norway into the union would slow integration, M Delors said that the next set of changes to the treaty should not wait until a scheduled review in 1996. "We are going forward but we don't exactly know in what direction," he said. "I feel that enlargement [of the union] should not be held up, but I do feel that we should consider the question of deepening at the same time."

Tomorrow's summit will debate how voting rules should be changed when new countries join. Britain does not want to set the number required for a majority higher than at present; M Delors and a majority of governments want the ratios left unchanged, thus handing new power to small states.

M Delors has toned down his once-passionate defence of pan-European social policy, denying that he had ever sought to regulate Europe's labour market and saying that "the main object of the social dimension in Europe is to create jobs". Commission officials say they do not intend to propose any big pieces of social law next year.

M Delors said that the first phase of three leading to a single currency had failed because economies were supposed to be converging inside a narrow-band exchange mechanism by this month and neither had happened. "We have to beef up phase two," he said. He supported a suggestion by Philippe Maystadt, the Belgian Finance Minister, that the European Monetary Institute should manage the monetary policies of a group of states best qualified to join a union.

Moscow's critics warned to toe line

FROM ANATOL LIEVEN IN KAZAN, TATARSTAN

TOP aides of President Yeltsin yesterday issued a strong warning to regional leaders not to oppose the new constitution, which is to be put to a referendum on Sunday. The draft constitution is opposed by several of Russia's autonomous republics, which resent the fact that it denies them sovereignty and re-establishes strong central authority.

Sergei Filatov, the President's chief of staff, accused leaders of Tatarstan, Bashkortostan and Tuva of "stirring up public opinion" against the constitution.

Nikolai Medvedev, Mr Yeltsin's adviser on nationalities, said that some leaders "who make irresponsible remarks in the election campaign should know that they will be held responsible not only before their consciences but before the state, as state officials".

Over the past year, the political paralysis in Moscow allowed the republics to gain wide-ranging powers and most declared sovereignty and the primacy of their laws and taxes over those of the Russian Federation. After his victory over the conservative parliament in October, Mr Yeltsin moved swiftly to try to restore central authority.

Tatarstan is carrying out the Russian referendum and parliamentary elections on Sunday, but Mintimer Shaimiyev, the president, has called for a boycott. Tatars, however, make up only 48 per cent of the population. About 44 per cent are Russian. As yet, ethnic tension has been very limited, but many local Russians are becoming irritated by what they see as a creeping "Tatarisation" of the administration and many intend to vote on Sunday, partly as a silent protest against the boycott.



☐ **London:** During his visit to London, Mikhail Gorbachev, the former Soviet leader, gave grudging support yesterday to the proposed constitution, saying that he would vote for it on the understanding that it could be improved by the new parliament.

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Germans in fear of revenge after jailings

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

A GERMAN court yesterday imposed the country's heaviest possible jail sentence on two neo-Nazis for the murder of three Turks in a firebomb attack in northern Germany.

A life sentence was imposed on Michael Peters, 26, and his accomplice Lars Christiansen, 20, was jailed for ten years. The milder sentence for Christiansen was only because of legal restrictions on sentencing people under 21, the judge told the court in Schleswig. Both men were found guilty of triple murder.

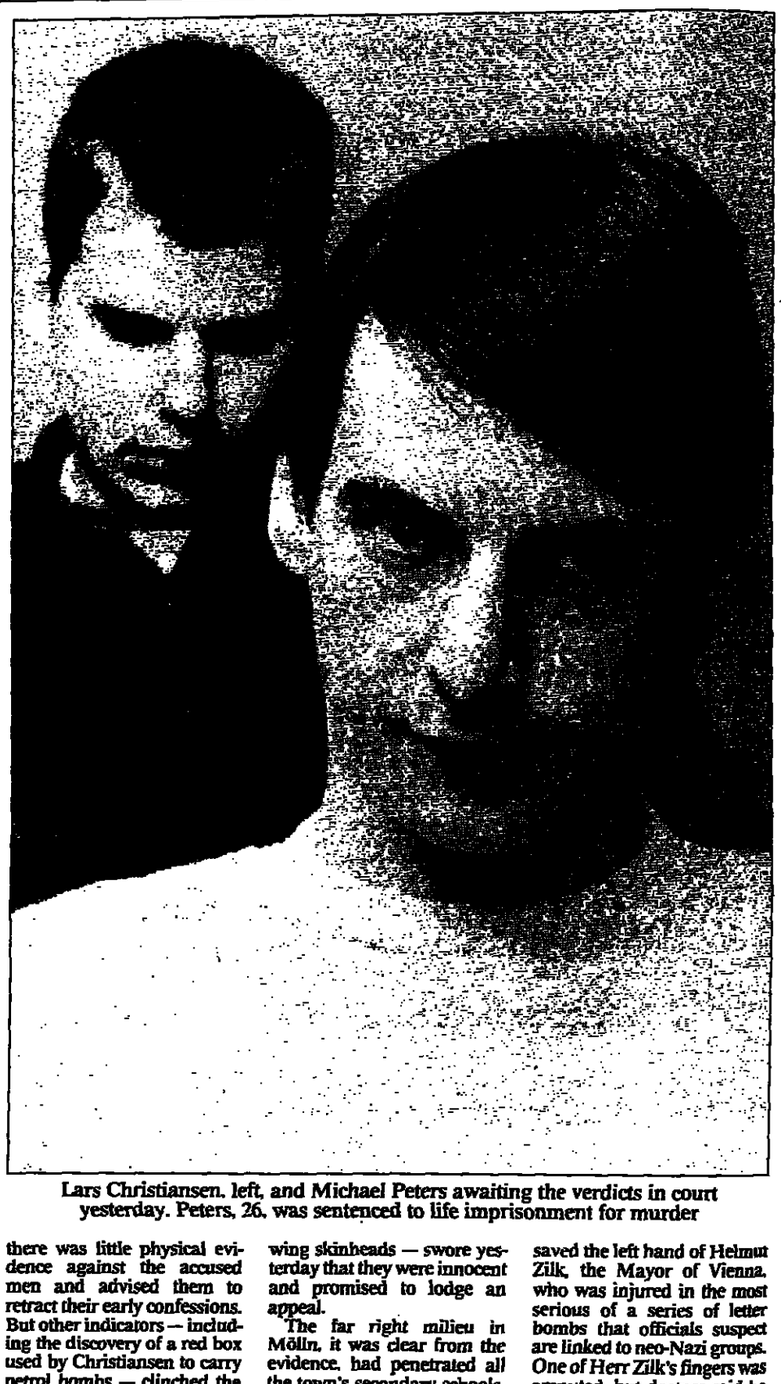
The arson attack in Mölln in November 1992 was a turning point for the German authorities which had tended to equate earlier attacks on foreigners as a brutal extension of football hooliganism, a kind of crowd fever confined largely to eastern Germany. Mölln was different: the murderous attack came in a sleepy middle-class north German seaside town. The special quality of the crime was reflected in the severity of the sentence. No other neo-Nazi in two years of unrest has received such a stiff sentence.

It may prove, however, to be a turning point of another kind. Neo-Nazis, who have drawn up a hit list of left-wing unionists, social workers and journalists, had sworn revenge if the two defendants were found guilty. The police do not rule out a letter bomb vendetta campaign, similar to the one in Austria. Far-right groups have opened up computer mail boxes which give very explicit instructions on how to build bombs and set houses on fire.

The defendants had hoped to be acquitted for lack of evidence. The main witness was a nine-year-old girl who was unable to identify positively the two men. The defence lawyers realised that there was little physical evidence against the accused men and advised them to retract their early confessions. But other indicators — including the discovery of a red box used by Christiansen to carry petrol bombs — clinched the case for the prosecution. The two neo-Nazis — Peters' flat, adorned with swastikas, used to be a meeting place for right-wing skinheads — swore yesterday that they were innocent and promised to lodge an appeal.

The far right milieu in Mölln, it was clear from the evidence, had penetrated all the town's secondary schools. Yet the older generation did not recognise that anything bad was going on.

☐ **Vienna:** Doctors have saved the left hand of Helmut Zilk, the Mayor of Vienna, who was injured in the most serious of a series of letter bombs that officials suspect are linked to neo-Nazi groups. One of Herr Zilk's fingers was amputed, but doctors said he was recovering well. Four such bombs have exploded and six intercepted by police since last Friday. *(AFP)*



Lars Christiansen, left, and Michael Peters awaiting the verdicts in court yesterday. Peters, 26, was sentenced to life imprisonment for murder

Nato defence ministers back joint East-West operations

BY MICHAEL EVANS IN BRUSSELS AND MICHAEL BINYON

THE concept of "mix and match" military task forces, with Nato and former Warsaw Pact troops combining to defuse conflicts within and beyond Europe, was given unanimous support by defence ministers of the Western alliance yesterday.

The American idea of combined task forces, which is to be given approval at next month's Nato summit, is partly aimed at drawing the huge Russian army into a peacekeeping alliance. The spectre of a new Russian bear emerging on the other side of a divided Europe is causing such anxiety in Washington and in Europe that post-Cold War initiatives are geared to keeping Moscow happy.

As President Yeltsin arrived in Brussels yesterday, the defence ministers were aware of the need to avoid decisions that might undermine his position or encourage the Russian military to view Nato with suspicion. Mr Yeltsin will be meeting Manfred Wörner, the Nato secretary-general, this morning to talk about Russia's relations with the alliance. He is expected to sign a European Community trade deal that will help underpin his election prospects.

Under the combined forces concept, the Russians could be asked to volunteer soldiers for operations commanded by Nato, the Western European Union or, if appropriate, the United Nations. A single headquarters would be developed to mastermind each mission. British officials said that if such an organisation had been assembled before, it might have been easier to deal with the conflict in Bosnia.

The proposal, which was first put forward by Les Aspin, the American Defence Secretary, was seen by defence ministers in Brussels as an ideal vehicle for developing the "European defence" identity while encouraging Russia and other Eastern nations to participate in common security operations.

In London, Mikhail Gorbachev, the former Soviet President, yesterday appealed to British companies to invest in Russia. Last night he was the guest of honour at a Guildhall banquet, where he was presented with the Sir Winston Churchill award in recognition of his contribution towards Middle East peace.

Serbs arrest Kosovo rights supporters

BY EVE-ANN PRENTICE DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

SERBIAN police have arrested people who gave board and lodgings to Western human rights monitors in Kosovo, said Ibrahim Rugova, the province's self-styled president, yesterday. The arrests came after 26 monitors sent by the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe were expelled by President Milosevic in the summer.

"There were 100 arrests in August and September, including people who hosted the CSCE mission," said Dr Rugova, who is in London this week. The ethnic-Albanian leader, who has had talks with Douglas Hogg, the Foreign Office Minister, is making his first visit abroad since Belgrade ended an affective three-month travel ban by refusing to extend his passport.

"There have been cases of torture by the police," said Dr Rugova, "and we cannot keep track of all the arrests. The prisons are full." One man Dr Rugova says has been tortured is Mehdi Bardhi, an Albanian politician from Gllogorc. "He was a very strong man and now he can barely stand."

It is feared that the Balkan wars may spread to Kosovo, where 90 per cent of the population is ethnic Albanian. They have been increasingly intimidated by the Belgrade regime. Passions are especially high in the run-to Serbia's elections on December 19, which are being boycotted by Kosovo's Albanians. "We had our own elections for the presidency and parliament last year," Dr Rugova said. The province was deprived of autonomy by Belgrade in 1989, and Dr Rugova wants UN sanctions against Serbia maintained until autonomy is restored.

Dr Rugova is trying to improve ties with the former Yugoslav republic of Macedonia. The move is significant because the Skopje administration is involved in an argument with Greece over its name — and Greece, an historic ally of Serbia, takes over presidency of the European Union on January 1. Dr Rugova plans to meet Kiro Gligorov, the Macedonian President, on his way back to Kosovo.

A conference to discuss the Bosnia peace process is being held in London today. The conference, attended by Irfan Ljubijankic, the Bosnian Foreign Minister, is chaired by Sir Sridath Ramphal, former Commonwealth secretary-general, and brings together Bosnian and British politicians and diplomats.

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Queen sees de Klerk for talks on return to Commonwealth

By Michael Binyon
Diplomatic Editor
and Michael Hamlyn
in Cape Town

■ The South African leader is being feted on a visit to European capitals. But although he retains formal authority, his capacity to govern has already been curbed by the ANC

THE day after South Africa officially ended 350 years of white minority rule, the Queen yesterday had a meeting at Buckingham Palace with President de Klerk, the first with a South African leader since the country left the Commonwealth in 1961.

The meeting came as Mr de Klerk stopped briefly in London on his way to Oslo, where he will collect his Nobel Peace Prize, which he shared this year with Nelson Mandela, president of the African National Congress.

Mr de Klerk also met John Major at Downing Street, briefing him on the forthcoming elections and on the transition to black majority rule.

No details were released of the Queen's meeting with Mr de Klerk, but the probable return of South Africa to the Commonwealth was believed to have been discussed. The last South African leader to meet the Queen was Hendrik Verwoerd, the architect of apartheid, who was stabbed to death in parliament.

Mr de Klerk told Mr Major that his government now expected that Inkatha, the Zulu-based party, will soon join the constitutional process as it does not want to pass up the opportunity of governing Natal. Inkatha would be expected to win a majority in that province if it contested the election. It has recently been spending heavily on political advertising.

South African government sources also believe that Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, the Inkatha leader, and King Goodwill Zwelithini may soon make a joint announcement at a Zulu rally on a new approach to the election.

Mr de Klerk told Mr Major that April voting would now take place over two days, not one, but areas of extreme violence would be excluded and allowed to vote later. The government would welcome as a stabilising factor the many international observers who want to monitor the election, but warned that they should not "trip over each other."

While Mr de Klerk remains head of state with formal authority, the perception in South Africa is that he no longer has the capacity to govern. The establishment this week of the Transitional Executive Council (TEC) is "a de jure acknowledgement of a de facto situation," according to Tony Leon, of the liberal Democratic Party.

The council will today set up seven sub-councils charged with supervising administration in regional affairs, law and order, defence, finance, foreign affairs, the status of women and intelligence.



Winnie Mandela, above, the estranged wife of Nelson Mandela, president of the African National Congress, bounced back into national politics yesterday when she was elected president of the ANC Women's League.

Mrs Mandela, 58, polled 392 of a total of 560 votes at the league's annual conference in Durban, beating into second place Albertina Sisulu, the ANC veteran who was favoured for the post. *(AFP)*

It is already plain, from remarks by Mr de Klerk and Cyril Ramaphosa, secretary-general of the ANC, that the extent of the council's powers is going to be a a source of bitter argument over the next five months. The council does have real executive authority in a number of areas: the sub-council on finance, for example, is to help draft February's budget.

The defence sub-council has powers to draw up a code of conduct for all soldiers, and to monitor its observance, to oversee the planning and training of a future South African Defence Force, and to make its own regulations on the deployment of any defence force unit in crime prevention or peace-keeping operations. It is also empowered to establish a National Peacekeeping Force, though cynics say that might take rather longer than five months to organise, train and deploy.

The law and order sub-council will establish a national inspectorate with wide powers to summon people "to promote the objects of the council." This tries to tie the council down to those matters which may affect the election, but since almost any police act may have some electoral effect interesting debates between the council and the minister may be expected.

A dispute is likely to arise almost immediately over deployment of the Internal Stability Unit of the police in black townships. This riot squad has long been a bone of contention between the ANC and the government, and there still are daily demands for the ISU's withdrawal.

On one matter the Act setting up the council is clear. The president may not declare a state of emergency without consulting the council and if 80 per cent of members disagree with him, he must withdraw it.

Kader Asmal, who is the ANC's expert on constitutional law, believes that the council will be responsible for jointly determining policy over a huge range of government activity. He says: "The government has formal powers, but it is not able to carry them out. There is now a dual capacity." Dr Asmal points to the decision to hand back the Walvis Bay enclave to Namibia as an example. "This happened entirely as a result of the multi-party process," he said.



A policeman comforting a woman who feared her husband had been wounded in the New York train killings

America's gun-obsessed society suffers yet another massacre

From Ben Macintyre in New York

The 5.33pm from New York to Port Jefferson is one of the most crowded trains in America. Every evening New Yorkers clamber on board in their hundreds, elbowing one another aside in the scramble for seats, and then enter that seemingly comatose state of the weary and home-bound as the train winds through the suburban towns of Long Island.

On Tuesday night, half an hour into the journey, a casually dressed, nondescript man in the third carriage rose to his feet, produced a 9mm automatic pistol and calmly opened fire on his fellow passengers moments before the train pulled into the Merillon Avenue station, 18 miles from Manhattan. Some witnesses say he muttered "Boom boom, bang, bang" as he fired. Most recall that he remained eerily silent, aiming at the heads of the nearest passengers.

The gunman backed slowly down the carriage, still firing, as passengers screamed and tried to escape. Having emptied the 15 rounds in his gun, the man reloaded — police later found a bag with more than 100 rounds of ammunition — and began a second burst of indiscriminate murder.

Three people, one of whom was sleeping, were shot dead in their seats. Another was killed trying to get out of the line of fire. Behind and in front of the gunman terrified commuters stampeded. "People were yelling 'Man with a gun! Man with gun!'," a witness said.

Before he could load a third time, three passengers tackled him and wrestled the gun from his hand. As he was dragged on to the platform and arrested by an off-duty police officer, the man is reported to have said: "I've done a bad thing." Seventeen people were wounded, four critically, while two more people were badly hurt in the stampede.

The police identified the gunman yesterday as Colin Ferguson, 35, a Jamaican living in Brooklyn. Officers said he was motivated by racial hatred and had attacked passengers on the Long Island train in order to kill "whites, Asians and conservative blacks." Reports that he had had an argument with a railway guard could not be confirmed.

Lucinda Melkonian, 26, was in the third carriage when Ferguson began to work his way down the aisle, firing to right and left. "My cousin and I crouched down. I looked up at him and saw a man with a beard. Someone said: "This is real life everybody ..."

Perhaps the most chilling aspect of the silent man on the 5.33 is his very familiarity. Barely a year passes but someone walks into a crowded place and opens fire.

Last Thursday Alan Winterbourne, quiet, unemployed and heavily armed, walked into an unemployment office and killed four people before he was shot dead by the police. Winterbourne could not get a job. He was angry, so he killed some people.

This has become the final statement of America's resentful and armed, repeated with a regularity that suggests something close to ritual: October 1991, 23 killed in Luby's Cafeteria, Killeen, Texas; June 1990, ten killed at random in a General Motors office in Florida; January 1989, five children killed in a Stockton, California, school playground; July 1984, 21 killed in a McDonald's in San Ysidro, California.

One man, one gun, double-figure deaths or injuries and, later, a television mini-series. Somehow such barbaric acts have entered the American consciousness as a part of modern life.

The Brady Bill, passed last week, ensures that gun-buyers must wait five days before taking home their weapon. There is no evidence that Ferguson, awaiting arraignment in New York yesterday, would not have waited five days to get his gun.

So the humdrum 5.33 to Port Jefferson joins Luby's Cafeteria, Killeen and the Stockton schoolyard as the site of yet another crime simultaneously unbelievable and unexceptional.

This is real life everybody.

Judge says Pretoria's army trained KwaZulu hit squad

From Ray Kennedy in Johannesburg

THE judicial commission of enquiry into the causes of political violence in South Africa announced yesterday that its investigations confirmed press reports that a hit squad of KwaZulu homeland police, trained by the South African Defence Force, had been responsible for the killing of African National Congress members in Natal.

The same report said that the withdrawal from black townships in the east Witwatersrand of the police Internal Stability Unit, the tough, combat-clad force whose members have been accused of brutality and atrocities by the ANC, would probably lead to even more violence.

The report by Mr Justice Richard Goldstone, who was appointed nearly three years ago by President de Klerk to head the commission and is being tipped as a possible minister of justice in the government of national unity after next April's all-race election, both pleased and angered the ANC. It said the findings about a KwaZulu police hit squad confirmed its contention that political violence in South Africa was part of a "systematic destabilisation policy emanating from elements of the security forces". But it also described Mr Justice Goldstone's support of the Internal Stability Unit as unacceptable and repeated that the unit should be withdrawn from the townships.

The ANC said the findings underlined the need for the Transitional Executive Council to establish a national peacekeeping force and joint control of all armed formations. The ANC thus indicated it would take a tough stance in the council which took its place on Tuesday alongside the white cabinet as an interim administration in the run-up to the April election.

Mr Justice Goldstone's report said that the country would not be transformed into a peaceful, non-racial society if the April election was not democratic and was not seen to be such by most people. He said the transitional council and the independent electoral commission would have an extremely short time to ensure the fairness of the voting procedure.

There was no immediate response from the KwaZulu government, headed by Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, leader of the Zulu-based Inkatha Freedom Party. The Goldstone report said the KwaZulu hit squad was trained at a South African military base in northern Namibia before that country's independence.

The commission said: "The evidence established the high probability that a hit squad consisting of five policemen has been responsible during 1992 and 1993 for the murders of no less than nine people, including leaders and members of the ANC." Mr Justice Goldstone said more details could not be disclosed because that might prejudice investigations into the possible existence of other hit squad camps.

Reward in store for Endeavour

By Nick Nuttall
Technology Correspondent

NASA was putting champagne on ice yesterday for the return of Endeavour as the mission to repair the Hubble space telescope neared a successful conclusion.

Kathy Thornton and Tom Akers, the astronauts, accomplished yesterday the mission's last main goal by fitting the telescope with an array of mirrors. The Costar device, the size of a telephone box, was eased into the telescope where it will correct focusing flaws in Hubble's primary mirror, rather like a pair of spectacles on a myopic person.

A spokesman for Nasa in Houston, Texas, said: "There are a lot of happy people here. There is no formal reception planned when the shuttle returns, but there will be champagne popping."

During yesterday morning's space walk the two astronauts also added a processor to the telescope's main computer to boost its memory.

"We disconnected the brain and operated on it and, fortunately, the patient survived," Ken Ledbetter, manager of the telescope programme, said.

"Hubble's just had eye surgery as well," David Leckrone, a scientist, added in a news conference at mission control in Houston. "We think it was successful, but we're not going to be sure until we're able to take the bandages off seven or eight weeks from now."

That is the estimated time it will take the overhauled telescope to produce its first sharp image with the corrective mirrors and an improved wide-field planetary camera.

Clinton is upset by defections

From Martin Fletcher
in Washington

THE first two senior officials to leave the Clinton White House are embarrassing the President by walking straight into lucrative jobs as heads of Washington lobbying and public relations firms.

Howard Paster, in charge of White House relations with Congress, and Roy Neel, the deputy chief of staff, will both be earning more than $500,000 (£330,00) a year despite Mr Clinton's electoral pledge to lock the "revolving door from public service to private enrichment".

One of Mr Clinton's first presidential acts was to sign an executive order imposing on government officials what he described as the most rigid ethical standards of any administration. Designed partly to blunt Ross Perot's attacks on Washington's endemic influence-peddling, the order barred departing White House officials from any business contacts with their former colleagues for five years and from ever representing a foreign government.

Critics contend that Mr Paster and Mr Neel have exposed the feebleness of that order. Both will legally be able to instruct subordinates to approach their former colleagues and both will be free to lobby Congress — the job Mr Paster does now.

"This administration has made a very big deal about stopping 'business as usual', and this is exactly business as usual," Pam Gilbert, director of the consumer group Public Citizen's Congress Watch, said.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Patten warned of Chinese backlash

London: Three former ambassadors to China have warned Chris Patten, the Governor of Hong Kong, that he faces a vicious backlash from China if he presses ahead with unilateral democratic reforms (Alice Thomson writes).

Sir Percy Cradock, who negotiated the declaration on the handover of Hong Kong to China, said London would be, "indefensibly reckless" if it refused to back down. "Unilateral action and confrontation with China would be more damaging to Hong Kong in its special circumstances than a negotiated settlement ... Hong Kong would be worse off at the end of the day than when we began," he said.

Sir Percy was giving evidence to Parliament's foreign affairs committee. Sir Richard Evans, ambassador from 1984 to 1988, advised Mr Patten that private persuasion rather than public diplomacy was vital if Britain was to get any further in its talks. Sir Alan Donald, envoy from 1988 to 1991, said: "It would be very foolish to ignore what the Chinese government is saying and foolish to think that they don't mean it."

Funds repaid

Islamabad: Pakistan is to compensate thousands of people who lost millions of pounds in a "scam" involving 100 co-operative finance societies, most in Punjab. Those responsible are to be tried by special courts. *(AFP)*

Military rule

Lagos: Nigeria's military Provisional Ruling Council scrapped a plan for civilian governors of the country's 30 states and reverted to military administrators with civilian deputies. They will be sworn in today in Abuja. *(Reuter)*

Killer executed

Jackson: Christopher Burger, 33, was executed in Georgia by electric chair for the 1977 killing of a US soldier from Fort Stewart. He was the first prisoner in 36 years to be executed in Georgia for a crime committed as a minor. *(Reuter)*

Storm deaths

Johannesburg: Seven youths were killed by lightning at a bush school camp near Heilbron, in South Africa's Orange Free State, when it razed the hut in which they were sheltering. One boy, aged 15, survived. *(AFP)*

Spot check

Peking: A Chinese leopard, protected by the state, was saved by police from becoming a gourmet casserole in a Canton province restaurant, the *China Daily* reported. The restaurant's owner was fined £9,200. *(AFP)*

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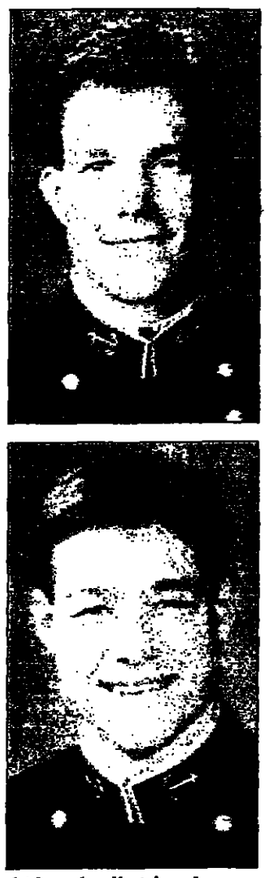
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Did one of America's top naval recruits take a code of honour too far? **Kate Muir** reports

An officer and a murderer





Ensign O'Neill, Ensign Smith, top, and Lt Grizzard: caught in a deadly triangle

To their colleagues from the élite Annapolis Naval Academy, the three officers epitomised golden and promising youth. Any one of them could have become an admiral: as well as enjoying academic success, one was the academy's best ever footballer, another was a top track athlete, and the third was voted the most popular student in his class.

The funerals of the three — Lieutenant Alton Grizzard, Ensign Kerryn O'Neill and Ensign George Smith — began this week. The cause of death was not enemy fire, but Ensign Smith's obsessive jealousy.

In a rage after O'Neill broke off her engagement with him, Smith murdered her and Grizzard, a friend of them both, and then committed suicide. The deaths sent a shock wave through America and its military: Annapolis Naval Academy is as revered as Dartmouth is in Britain, and its graduates leave steeped in codes of honour and duty. But it seemed in this case that Smith had taken honour too far.

Smith's relationship with O'Neill grew while the two were midshipmen at the naval academy and, in the last year of their course, they became engaged. There are few women at the academy, and O'Neill was popular. Known to her friends as Kerry, she captained the women's cross-country running team, and held three athletics records. "George thought of Kerry as the perfect relationship, the dream relationship, a girl who was beautiful, athletic, and a naval academy graduate," says Smith's brother Lawrence, who is also in the navy.

When he had graduated from Annapolis, O'Neill was posted with Smith, and Grizzard, to the Coronado base in California. There, friends said that O'Neill's idea of fun was to run every day after work along the Pacific Ocean at sunset.

At O'Neill's funeral last Monday, her fellow officers remembered how happy she had been when Smith proposed to her in front of family and friends last year. But the relationship had turned out to be rocky, and the couple broke it off a few times, and cancelled a wedding date.

Clearly, Smith, 24, lost hope at Coronado, after O'Neill, 21, returned her diamond engagement ring and told him that she had different ideas about her future. He wrote her a 13-page letter, begging her to reconsider. Another letter was found after his death torn into tiny pieces in his room.

On the night of the shootings, December 1, other officers heard Smith shouting and O'Neill crying in her quarters at about 7pm. Soon after midnight, Smith returned to O'Neill's quarters, carrying a 9mm Ruger handgun and Walther pistol. Inside, O'Neill was talking to Grizzard. Friends say that they were not involved romantically, but Smith assumed otherwise. He shot Grizzard four times when he opened the door, and then shot O'Neill in the head as she hid, curled up behind a chair. Then he turned the gun on himself.

Nobody had the least suspicion of Smith's intentions. To those who knew him he had appeared perfectly normal earlier in the day. Murder, or even violence, seemed quite out of character, although O'Neill's running coach did say that Smith was "a very possessive person". His superiors remember him as a man who loved sailing for recreation, and had high expectations for his career.

They seemed almost unwilling to acknowledge that an Annapolis graduate with a fine record could possibly commit such an act. Lt Cdr Frank Thorp, a navy spokesman, said: "There is an incredible amount of sympathy for Ensign Smith. All indications were that he was a wonderful individual. What he did was a total surprise to those who knew him."

With the death of Grizzard, the navy not only lost one of its most promising officers, but also a star quarterback for the navy's football team. At 24, he had just returned from patrol along the coast of Somalia. He will be buried tomorrow at Arlington cemetery in Washington.

Although the jealous lover turned murderer is a motif throughout history, the particular insular hot-house of the navy's officer corps may have pushed Smith closer to the edge. The four-year training at Annapolis is equivalent to a university degree, but summers tend to be spent on military assignments and new recruits are not allowed to leave the grounds. The relationships and loyalties formed are therefore strong.

America's navy is adjusting slowly to the influx of women into its ranks and on its ships. The famous Tailhook sexual harassment case in 1991, where navy aviators formed a gauntlet and assaulted passing female officers, caused the country's entire military to rethink its policies.

Annapolis's style of training was distinctly designed for men, and only recently has it eliminated the student tradition of "hazing" — using humiliating initiation rites — on recruits.

Three years ago, a female midshipman resigned over the academy's failure to carry out a proper investigation into her complaints that she was dragged by her male colleagues to a urinal and handcuffed to it as they jeered and took photographs. By complaining, she was considered to have broken the students' code of behaviour.

The ancient tradition of the male honour code seems to be fitting most uneasily into the modern unisex military, as the Smith case has shown.

Talking to the *Los Angeles Times*, Lawrence Smith doubted that his brother would have become enraged just because O'Neill had broken their engagement, and suggested that his brother must have believed she was having an affair with Grizzard.

"I feel that what he did was not right, but you have to understand what honour is to naval officers. For one naval officer to take another officer's fiancée, that's a lot of dishonour. He must have gone back to defend his honour. Naval officers are like samurai when it comes to honour."

Fitzrovian rhapsody

It's not on the map — but **Julia Llewellyn Smith** celebrates one of London's bohemian landmarks

I live in Fitzrovia. "Where?" is the almost invariable response to this statement. While other Londoners can announce they live in Mayfair, Chelsea, Hampstead or Streatham and receive some recognition, my area remains anonymous. Few guides allude to it; it is not even named in the *A to Z* — but that may be about to change.

Wedged between Gower Street, Oxford Street, Great Portland Street and Euston Road, with the Telecom Tower as a useful landmark, Fitzrovia ought to be one of the most lively districts in London. At midday, indeed, it buzzes with lunching office workers — escapees from Channel 4, the BBC and Saatchi and Saatchi.

At night, however, the streets are as deserted as the *Marie Celeste*; the only figures are the mannequins in the shop windows. Meanwhile, across the no man's land of Oxford Street, the bars of Soho resemble the Black Hole of Calcutta.

It was not always like this. From the beginning of the century to the 1930s, Fitzrovia was the hub of London literary life, the English equivalent of the Left Bank. In their time, Augustus John, Francis Bacon, Dylan Thomas and Lucian Freud all congregated there, primarily to drink. The Fitzroy Tavern, described by the painter Nina Hamnett as "a public house with a large saloon bar attached to which was an amiable proprietor", became their unofficial headquarters and gave the area its name. What distinguished Fitzrovians from the common herd? "Free life, free love and free drinks," says Andrew Sinclair, the author of *A Life Beneath Bombs; War Like a Wasp*, a study of how the Second World War affected London's literati.

"They were inspired by the French Bohemians of Montparnasse and would exploit their reputation by sponging off the young and the gullible who were attracted by their easy air." Thomas, when asked why he drank so much, replied, "because they expect me to". Had Jeffrey Bernard been old enough to reach the bar, he would have certainly frequented Fitzrovia.

Fitzrovians were far removed from the refined aesthetes of the Bloomsbury group, across the Tottenham Court Road. "They were more rakish, rougher, of a lower social class," says Hugh David, author of *The Fitzrovians*. "They moved here because property prices were cheap, because the Georgian houses were too big for families and had been subdivided into flats and studios which artists and writers could afford." To many, the long nights of conversation fuelled by a steady stream of alcohol became an addiction.



Fitzrovia: free life, free love, free drinks

After a drunken night, young men could be seen the next morning signing up for the Spanish Civil War, to return long before their time was up. James Meary Tambimuttu, always known as Tambi, a Ceylonese Tamil allegedly of royal blood and the area's uncrowned king, warned James Maclaren-Ross about the dangers of "Sohoitis". "If you get Sohoitis," he said very seriously, "you will stay there always, day and night and get no work done ever. You have been warned."

Nevertheless, a surprising amount was achieved, not least by Tambi, who, between bouts of wine and women, published a book of verse and founded *Poetry London*, one of the most liberal and spirited magazines of the 1940s, illustrated with striking covers by Moore and Sutherland. Every leading poet of the time, young and old, contributed to it. John Lehmann's *Penguin New Writing* and Cyril Connolly's *Horizon* also flourished, despite paper rationing.

During the war, however, the hard-drinking Bohemians drifted towards Soho, lured by more flexible pub opening hours there. By the 1960s, young people were gravitating towards the coffee bars and jazz clubs of Notting Hill.

"Fitzrovia became not quite anything at all," says Mr Sinclair. "Today the only restaurants remaining from the area's heyday are the White Tower on Great Percy Street and L'Etoile in Charlotte Street. Even the presence of Channel 4 doesn't appear to have regenerated the area."

Fitzrovia's fortunes may be about to turn, however. Last summer, the area's restaurants took on Camden Council, forcing it to relax parking restrictions which damaged trade. Fuelled by their success, they have gone on to launch "Fitzrovia Today", a campaign aimed at raising the area's profile and strengthening its identity. Their first step will be to ensure that the area's name is printed on all maps. They have already produced a street map and guidebook.

Yet the state of mind that was Fitzrovia may have been lost forever. "Today there has been a general breakdown in the strict moral codes of society," Mr David says. "The taboos that Fitzrovians once were breaking no longer exist. Bohemianism exists today, but in a bastardised form. Then, it took guts."

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A traditional guard: outside the Maharaja's Palace in Jaipur

Indian charms

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In journeys through India, Pakistan and Nepal, I have marvelled at the vibrant cities, the friendly and inquisitive people, the sun sparkling on the Himalayas, yet been aware that some companions were less than happy.

One played with his newly-acquired worry-beads at every sign of poverty, another was physically ill and returned home early after an elderly man died on a crowded bus. After a cricket match at the Brabourne Stadium in Bombay, a colleague wanted to invite the bearers for a drink, unaware that it would have caused them great embarrassment.

None had prepared themselves for the journey. In the same vein, a cursory glance at the guide books is insufficient. To marvel at the inlaid marble of the Taj Mahal yet miss the ruined city of Fatehpur Sikri less than ten miles away is almost a crime.

To think that free living on the beaches of Goa and visiting the sultry monuments of Madras sum up the south of India is equally misleading. Tours which include the palm-lined avenues and low humidity of Bangalore, the Maharaja's Palace at Mysore, part town hall, part stately home and the rural charm and Edwardian grandeur of Ooty will last far longer in the memory.

In Pakistan, British tourists will want to take the long hot drive from Peshawar up the Khyber Pass, even though the overbearing mountains at its narrowest point, where hundreds of our soldiers died, create as gloomy an atmosphere as Glencoe, however bright the sun. Yet they should also visit the more seductive pleasures of Lahore: the Shalimar Gardens and the splendid fort, founded by the emperor Akbar during the brief period that the city was capital of the Moghul empire.

In Nepal, the bustle of Kathmandu, the beauty of the mountain foothills, the wildlife of Chitwan National Park are all obvious attractions. Yet the discerning visitor will find time for a crack-of-dawn drive from Kathmandu to the hilltop town of Nagarkot to see the sun rise over the Himalayas, lighting the peaks on the opposite side of the valley, dispelling the mist below so that the many stupas and temples can catch the eye.

The early morning flights up the valley which take you as close as most of us will ever get to to the top of Everest and its neighbouring peaks are also a must for busy tourists. Yet one of my most abiding memories is returning through the gathering gloom to my sixth floor room in the surprisingly grand Yak and Yeti Hotel to find a luminous sun setting above the mist between two glistening peaks.

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MEDICAL BRIEFING

Dr Thomas Stuttaford

AT a recent wedding the bridegroom, a doctor, thanked his wife's family for the welcome they had extended to a man who was not only penniless, but also had TB. My first reaction was that this was an interesting example of the reappearance of the disease. I then remembered that the bridegroom had had his spleen removed after a boyhood accident and realised that his infection could be related to this.

Once the spleen has gone, so has an important part of the immune system — and the body's defence against infection. Patients without a spleen are liable to succumb to overwhelming post-splenectomy infections. Fortunately, in the bridegroom's case, the infection was very minor and soon responded to drugs. In future, he will need to be regularly immunised against pneumococcal infections and have his Hib injection against Haemophilus influenzae and a flu jab every year. He would also be wise always to travel with a supply of Augmentin, or other suitable antibiotic, so that he can take the necessary treatment as soon as he develops an infection.

Two papers in the *British Medical Journal* of November 27 emphasised the risk of overwhelming post-splenectomy infection. A review of 577 patients in the Cardiff area who had their spleens removed between 1975 and 1990 showed that 166 had since died, although not necessarily as a result of the splenectomy or the initial trouble which had necessitated it. Nearly a quarter of the deaths were from pneumonia, septicaemia or other infections. In the other study, doctors from Truro analysed the case-histories of 55 patients who had died in the past 12 years after splenectomy. Six died from pneumonia — indeed, most of the published data on overwhelming post-splenectomy infections is related to pneumococcal infections and meningitis.

Ever since Penny Boyer's husband, Miles, died 18 months ago, she has campaigned to publicise the consequences of splenectomy. Mr Boyer, from Swinbrook, in Oxfordshire, had his spleen removed after it had been ruptured in a car accident; other common causes of injury to the spleen are skiing and rugby football. Mrs Boyer has been helped in her campaign by Dr Peter Badeley and Dr Dick Mayon-White, consultant in public health at the John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford, who



Warm heads, good health

for 20 years has taken a particular interest in overwhelming post-splenectomy infections. The management of a patient after the spleen has been removed is straightforward. As well as immunisation, some will need regular antibiotics, particularly those under 16 or patients who regularly take steroids.

Hot topics

IT WAS announced recently that Professor William Keatinge, professor of physiology at Queen Mary and Westfield College, London, has been appointed overall co-ordinator of the European Community-funded Eurowinter study, which will assess the effect of lifestyle and home heating on winter illnesses and death associated with them. His study will involve more than 8,000 people aged 50 or older. One mystery of British medicine has been that many more people die in the winter than in the summer, despite good household heating.

Professor Keatinge suspects that although we have learnt the importance of central heating, insulation and double glazing, we have not come to terms with the type of clothes we should be wearing. Chilling, more often outside rather than inside the house, whether when watching football, walking to work, or even at work, predisposes patients to the dangers of pneumonia, strokes and coronary thrombosis. The last two account for half of the deaths in winter which exceed those in summer.

The popular idea that damage is done only when there is clinical evidence of hypothermia is a myth Professor Keatinge says; prolonged chilling is a more common cause of trouble. He particularly criticises people who do not wear a hat in cold weather. If a patient is well wrapped but does not wear a hat, 80 per cent of body heat loss may be through the head.

Shell shocks



A RECENT edition of the journal *Epidemiology and Infection* reports that newly-laid eggs from the much maligned hens scratching around the farm, or backyard, are very unlikely to transmit *Salmonella enteritidis*. Although public health authorities have previously targeted small flocks of hens, it now seems that it is not the birds that are at fault, but the time it takes for eggs to reach the consumer.

Research has shown that salmonella does not grow easily in a fresh egg. Allow the egg to be stored for three weeks or more, however, and the infection is likely to become rampant.

It is interesting that the recent outbreak of food poisoning on the royal yacht was from egg-borne *Salmonella enteritidis*. Officials were proud that the eggs had been brought from Britain — a precaution which may have saved them from being tampered with by any hostile local, but one which must have meant that they were past their safest and best by the time they were eaten.

Cases of salmonella poisoning continue to increase in Britain, despite measures introduced over the past few years. It is still a wise precaution to cook shop-bought eggs of indeterminate age until the yolk is hard-boiled.

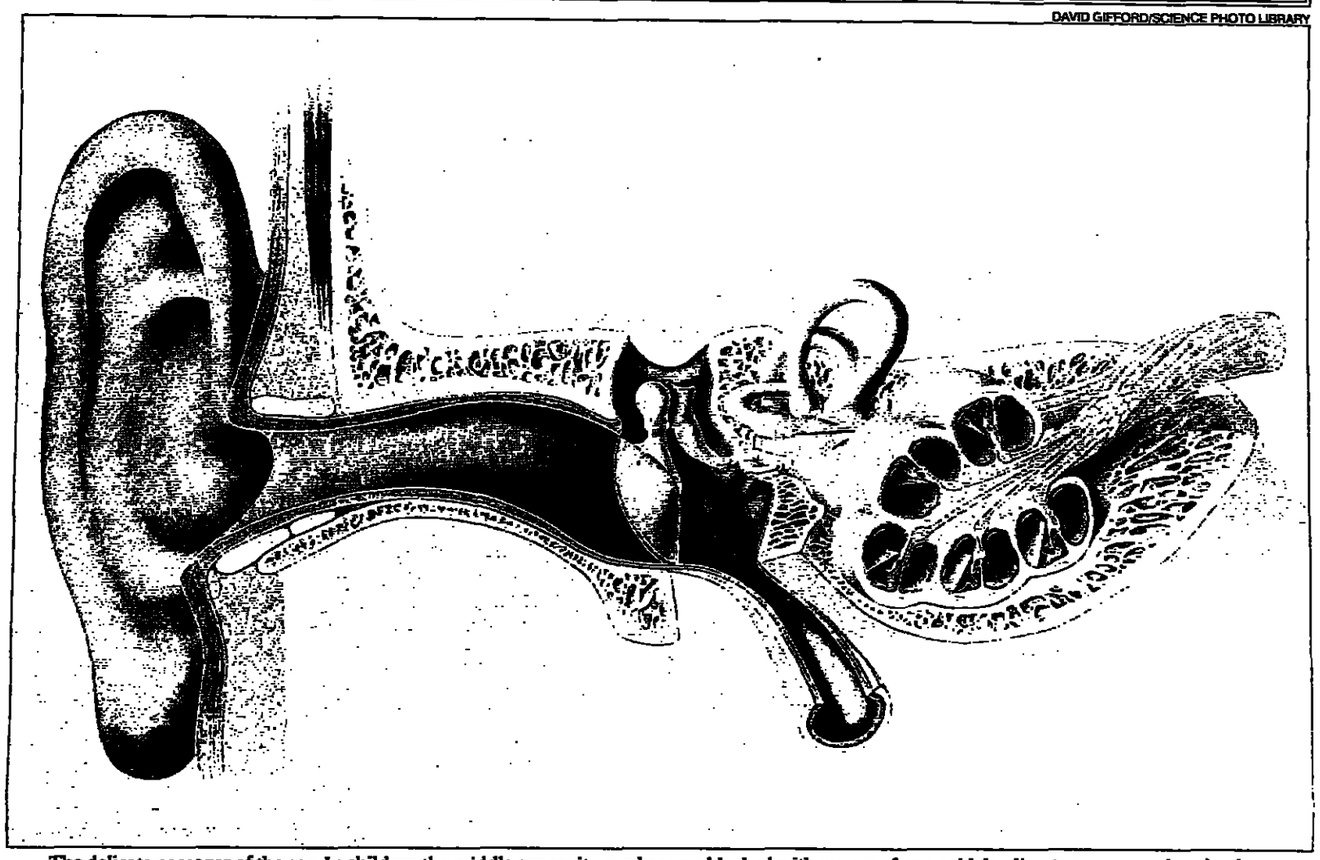
Uncooked eggs should be avoided like the plague they may well be carrying.

Why can't I hear you?

If your child has glue ear, should doctors operate?

Aileen Ballantyne reports on a conflict of opinion

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The delicate passages of the ear. In children the middle ear cavity can become blocked with mucus after a cold, leading to temporary hearing loss

If your child is tugging at the ears, asking you to repeat things, turning the television up loud or complaining of a "sloshy" feeling in the ears, he or she may be suffering from glue ear.

This build up of fluid in the middle ear causing slight temporary hearing loss, is one of the commonest conditions suffered by young children in Britain. It affects one child in four under the age of five at any one time, and usually follows a bad cold.

Glue ear, or otitis media effusion, is essentially a childhood condition. In young children the Eustachian tubes, which connect the ears to the throat and keep the middle ear "aired" and healthy are still growing and are not yet as vertical and as wide as in adults. As a result, their tubes are not so effective and are also prone to infection. Once infected, the tube walls can stick together preventing the air in the middle ear from circulating. The pressure in the middle ear drops and mucus is produced by the unhealthy cell walls.

The mucus gets gradually thicker until it fills the middle ear cavity, producing an effect which the National Deaf Children's Society (NDCS) describe as "like listening to the world with both fingers stuck in the ears".

In most children the condition clears up after a few weeks or months without treatment. Nevertheless, every year 60,000 young children have operations to drain mucus and insert small tubes called grommets in the middle ear, to equalise the pressure in the outer and inner ears.

It is the commonest operation carried out on British children — yet there is continuing disagreement among specialists on exactly when it is necessary in order to prevent real damage to the ear. There is no doubt that, in some cases, glue ear is a serious problem — but is the insertion of grommets just another "fashionable" operation which has no real merit?

This was certainly the case with tonsillectomies. Many of today's parents have vivid memories of days spent in hospital having their tonsils removed when they had barely started primary school. In the 1930s and 40s one in three British children had their tonsils removed.

The operation was particularly popular among the upper social classes. By 1938, nine out of ten new boys at Eton had had their tonsils removed, but by the 1970s the number of tonsillectomies was declining rapidly.

The NDCS points out that there is a split between the consultant ear, nose and throat surgeons and the Consumers' Association, which has argued that as many as a third of such operations may be unnecessary.

One of Britain's leading authorities on glue ear is Richard Maw, consultant otolaryngologist at the Royal Hospital for Sick Children, in Bristol. He says that a "waiting list" period of around three months is often a deliberate policy. "If you operate on a child with otitis media effusion disease at the end of the winter when the problem is at its worst, the operation may in fact be unnecessary because the problem might get better of its own accord," he says.

Nine out of ten children with glue ear get better within about three months. But, as Mr Maw points out, that leaves 5 to 10 per cent who develop a significant hearing problem that goes on for longer making surgery worth serious consideration.

A ten-year study of 230 children aged three to nine with serious glue ear problems, recently completed by Mr Maw and colleagues, and published by the *British Medical Journal*, showed that for such children surgical grommet insertion may well be worthwhile. The study found (by comparing one ear treated using grommets with another untreated ear in the same child) that, untreated, glue ear could persist for an average of six years. With treatment, involving grommet insertion together with the removal of the adenoids, however, the condition persisted for on average just over two years. This compared with just over three years for grommet insertion or adenoidectomy on its own.

Removal of the adenoids plus grommet insertion also meant that repeated surgery for replacing grommets (which often fall out after a few months and have to be replaced) was less likely to be necessary.

Mr Maw's study and others suggest that an adenoidectomy gives more space in the narrow nasopharynx (the upper part of the throat behind the nasal cavity) and can help childen with glue ear, particularly if they are at least four or five years old when the operation is done. There is little evidence, however, that the removal of the tonsils will help the condition.

Only about one in 20 of these seriously affected children in Mr Maw's study suffered any permanent damage to their hearing as a result of the condition, whichever treatment they had. The chances, therefore, of a long-term hearing problem are extremely small. The question for surgeons and parents is how do you balance the trauma and inconvenience of surgery on a young child with the small risk of permanent hearing impairment?

One experimental treatment, which may avoid the need for surgery, is a simple device known as an Otovent, prescribed by some hospital pharmacies, and available from chemists.

The child has to blow up the balloon-like device with one nostril, while keeping the other closed with a finger. It is similar to Valsava's manoeuvre — pinching your nostrils firmly together and blowing hard against sealed lips making your ears "pop" — for example, when suffering a build up of ear pressure in an aircraft. The manoeuvre prevents pressure damage to the eardrums by forcing air through the Eustachian tubes. The advantage of Otovent is that you can easily tell whether or not the child is doing this correctly.

In a research study on 85 children with serious glue ear, which has just been published, Mr Maw found that in children who used Otovent, the condition improved between two and fivefold. The main problem, however, is getting very young children to blow up the balloon correctly.

At Birmingham University, scientists are working on drugs which could, in the next decade, be available to prevent the acute inflammatory response which can block the Eustachian tubes. In the meantime, the NDCS emphasises that the earlier parents notice the symptoms of glue ear the better.

● *Further advice, and a fact sheet on glue ear is available by sending a s.a.e to the National Deaf Children's Society, Family Services Centre, 24 Wakefield Road, Rothwell Haigh, Leeds LS26 0SF*

Why so many Scots die for fry-ups

Junk food, cigarettes and alcohol:

how Scots risk premature death

Deep-fried pizza and chips with curry sauce washed down with Irn Bru and followed by a synthetic cream doughnut may not sound the most appetising meal but it is one hundreds of Scots consume daily and it is why the premature death rate in Scotland is one of the world's highest.

With the exception of half a dozen East European countries, the Scots are more likely to die before the age of 69 than the citizens of any other Western nation. Only Hungary and Romania have a worse female premature death rate. The death rate for England and Wales is lower even than that of Denmark and America.

The Scottish diet is notoriously bad. Scots fry their food in batter and doctors have battled with the consequences for decades. But just how dismal the Scottish diet is has only now been revealed.

A two-year study, commissioned by the Scottish Office and chaired by Professor Philip James, of Aberdeen's Rowett Research Institute, paints such a bleak picture of Scotland's diet and its health problems that the Government is to take action. Ian Lang, the Scottish Secretary, this week announced the establishment of the Scottish Diet Action Group, which will set targets for a reduction in the consumption of fat, sugar and salt.

Professor James's report, *Scotland's Health, a challenge to us all*, produces some startling statistics. Up to 20 per cent of Scottish men and 12 per cent of Scottish women almost never eat green vegetables. Male drinkers in Scotland derive more than 10 per cent of their energy from alcohol.

Compared with people in other parts of Britain, the Scots are less likely to have eaten lamb, skimmed milk, carrots, peas, green leafy vegetables, salad vegetables and polyunsaturated margarines but more likely to have eaten cereals, sugar and eggs. Professor James says that one of the most distressing findings is that more than two-thirds of all Scots believe they are eating healthily. "Having worked in Scotland for 12 years, I knew there were problems with the diet but I had no idea it was this appalling," he says.

He believes one of the reasons the extent of the problem was previously unknown is that Scottish doctors have tended to disparage the link between disease and diet.

The Scots acquire their poor eating habits early in life. In parts of Scotland, fewer than 10 per cent of mothers are breastfeeding one week after the birth of their babies. In some instances, babies are weaned straight onto Irn Bru, a sweet fizzy drink, and tea, an inhibitor of iron absorption.

The report found that between 15 and 20 per cent of children never ate fresh or frozen vegetables. Chips are eaten daily by a third of boys.



The Scots' diet used to be healthy

crisps by two-thirds of girls.

Only 55 per cent of 11 to 15 year olds eat a piece of fruit each day. By the age of 15, 28 per cent regularly drink alcohol and 20 per cent smoke.

Hardly surprisingly, Scots have the highest premature death rate from coronary artery disease in the world. One in five men and one in nine women will die of it before they are 75 and thousands more will suffer heart attacks. Half of Scotland's middle-aged adults are overweight.

Professor James says that the poorer the Scottish household, the worse the diet but the middle classes cannot be complacent. "They may be doing better", he says, "but they still have a poor medical history."

Perhaps one of the strongest findings of the report is that the Scottish incidence of these diseases is so much higher than in England. Professor James and his team believe there are historical reasons.

Traditionally, the Scottish diet was a healthy one, reflecting agricultural practices. It was made up largely of oats, barley, onions, beans and split peas with a little butter, milk and cheese. Vegetables were a long-established crop and kale was eaten universally.

When wheat became cheaper than oatmeal and the price of tea fell by 64 per cent in the late 19th century, the staple Scots diet moved from porridge and buttermilk to bread and tea. Sugar and jam became major energy sources.

Before long, the consequences were felt. A public outcry arose when half of all Scots recruits to the Boer War of 1889-1902 had to be rejected as too short and puny.

Professor James says the process of derationing after the Second World War played a part. Scottish land turned to beef and dairy production and a high level of saturated fats entered the diet. At the same time, vegetables and potatoes became recognised as the diet for the poor.

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Is my pension going to be worthless?

Pension provisions are dividing the Cabinet, says **Peter Riddell**

As the baby-boom generation ages, grey power issues have become more pressing. For once, the Government has been thinking about the long term: pensions have moved up the political agenda. But this has produced divisions among senior ministers as they grapple with the future of the welfare state. The result has been apparently contradictory signals from them. The pressure to save money has, as always, been balanced by the need to offer reassurance.

Kenneth Clarke said in the Budget that the basic retirement pension would stay as a cornerstone of the welfare state. The Government was committed to "retaining its value". It would never become a "vestigial remain". But on Tuesday, Michael Portillo, his deputy, said he expected the basic pension would be worth a "*nugatory*" amount in the next century.

Mr Clarke and Mr Portillo have differing views. As a traditional One Nation Tory, the Chancellor rejects the idea of a minimalist state, while the Chief Secretary is one of the leaders of the No Turning Back group of MPs who want to roll back the state. On this issue, they are not recommending different policies, but looking at the same phenomenon from varying angles.

The Government has considered radical options, but rejected them. Retirement pensions cost about £27 billion a year. A leaked document about the Treasury review of social security referred to "a progressive move towards voluntary opting out of entitlement to basic state pension through private provision being made inititally by younger people". However, Mr Clarke was worried by leaks about the review, as well as by comments from Mr Portillo and others. He appealed for an end to such "loose talk" at the pre-Budget meeting of the Cabinet, and secured its support for his defence of the basic pension. That was to offer reassurance and limit the scope of future reviews.

This was never a simple left-right issue. For instance, Peter Lilley, the Social Security Secretary and an ally of Mr Portillo, has been sceptical about changes to the basic pension. He does not regard the issue as urgent. The fastest projected rise in social security spending is in invalidity benefit, which is now being curbed. By contrast, the number of pensions will rise very little by the end of the century. The total will increase significantly only in the early decades of next century. Cutbacks would not produce immediate savings, but, as Mr Lilley has said, opting-out would leave "a black hole in the public accounts". Contributions go not to finance future pensions, but to pay for existing pensions. So the money would have to be found elsewhere.

The Government has, however, sought other savings. It has encouraged more opting-out from the expensive state earnings-related pensions scheme launched by Labour in the 1970s. So far 15 million people, three-quarters of those eligible, have opted out since the scheme started, two-thirds into occupational schemes and the rest into personal pensions. New incentives are being proposed to encourage more of the over-50s to opt-out. The decision to raise the retirement age for women from 60 to 65 — the same as men — from 2010 will produce big savings.

The most important decision was to end the previous, at times broken, promise to increase pensions in line with the growth of prices or earnings, whichever was the higher. Instead, pensions are only increased in line with prices. However, earnings tend to rise faster. Since 1979, the basic pension has declined from more than 23 per cent of average earnings to less than 18 per cent, and is set to drop to less than 10 per cent within 20 years or so.

So even if, as Mr Clarke promised, the basic pension is retained and is increased in line with prices, there will be a growing differential with previous earnings levels. That is what Mr Portillo meant by his warning about a "nugatory" level: "You can't rely on the state pension to keep you living in the style that you have been used to. Therefore, people need to make provision for themselves beyond the state system for their retirement."

> Changing the pension system would leave a black hole in the public accounts

Talking about the basic pension as "a platform on which to build additional provision" sounds fine. Many people have done so. It is good sense, not alarmism, for Mr Lilley and Mr Portillo to encourage more people, especially the under-40s, to make such provision. But what will happen to those who are too poor to do so? The means-tested, rather than universal, income support would take the strain. That is where a difference from Mr Clarke emerges. He seems to want more generous provision.

Private sector provision is not, however, a panacea. The theft by Robert Maxwell from the Mirror Group pension funds has highlighted problems of supervision and led to proposals in the Goode report for tighter regulation of occupational schemes. And yesterday, the Securities and Investment Board, the City watchdog, set up an enquiry into evidence that many people may have been persuaded by poor advice from over-eager salesman on commission to transfer from occupational schemes to less satisfactory personal pensions.

If the Government wants more people to make private provision, it has to ensure public confidence in both occupational schemes and personal pensions, as well as making pledges about the state pension. The Tories are taking action in a gradualist way. Labour has been more cautious, awaiting the report of its social justice commission, while the Liberal Democrats have proposed an overhaul of both public and private pensions. This debate could become as central to politics as arguments over housing have been in the past.

Technology change at a time of slump is moulding a new society, by which many feel threatened

Why the chips are down for Europe

Almost everywhere in the world, governments are in desperate trouble. Last week's elections in Brandenburg showed that Chancellor Kohl had lost his support in eastern Germany. His future is in question, and so is the ability of the Christian Democrats to hold on to power. In Italy the municipal elections produced a run-off between ex-communists and quasi-fascists. In the Group of Seven countries, governments have recently been defeated in Canada, France, the United States, Japan and Italy. In Britain and Germany, they have been humiliated in local elections.

Any explanation of this general unpopularity must itself be general. National circumstances are inadequate explanations. What are the underlying causes of this universal rejection of the existing order?

Like all important thinkers, Karl Marx mixed ideas which subsequent history has proved mistaken with others that history has validated. The big Marxist idea which seems as valid at the end of the 20th century as it did at the end of the 19th is that changes in systems of production shape society, and determine the distribution of power. The first industrial revolution transferred power from the feudal landed aristocracy to the new bourgeois class of professionals and businessmen. The development of mass-production factories established the power of factory workers, whom Marx called the proletariat.

The big idea that failed was that the workers of the world would be the ultimate holders of power, and that they could exercise it through the socialist state and state ownership.

The means of production have continued to change. We now have an electronic information society, in which the need for mass employment in factories and offices is falling. The symbol of the feudal age was the baron's castle, towering over the peasants' village; the symbol of the bourgeois age was the merchant in his counting house; the symbol of the factory age was the Ford assembly line; the symbol of the information age is the electronic pulse which conveys information from one computer to another. We are only beginning to understand what sort of society this mode of production will produce, but it will be very different and is arriving very fast.

It looks as though it will be much more egalitarian between nations but much less egalitarian within them. The old advantages of the advanced economic countries are being rapidly eroded as the information system transfers technology almost instantaneously. The characteristic German virtues of training, apprenticeship, craftsmanship and so on are a declining advantage. Thus in 1980 every London newspaper was set in hot metal by a printer, backed by a monopoly union, who had had a seven-year apprenticeship. Now, virtually untrained journalists can put their copy straight into the computer. Modern technology often reduces the demand for special skills, while raising the level of efficiency. This allows developing nations, particularly in Asia, to catch up much faster.

William Rees-Mogg

Mass-production skills are at a discount; factory workers are being replaced even in China by the communication systems which control machines. Rare skills are becoming correspondingly more valuable, as they were in the 19th century. The world of entertainment and sport shows what is happening: the star performer is now likely to become extremely rich.

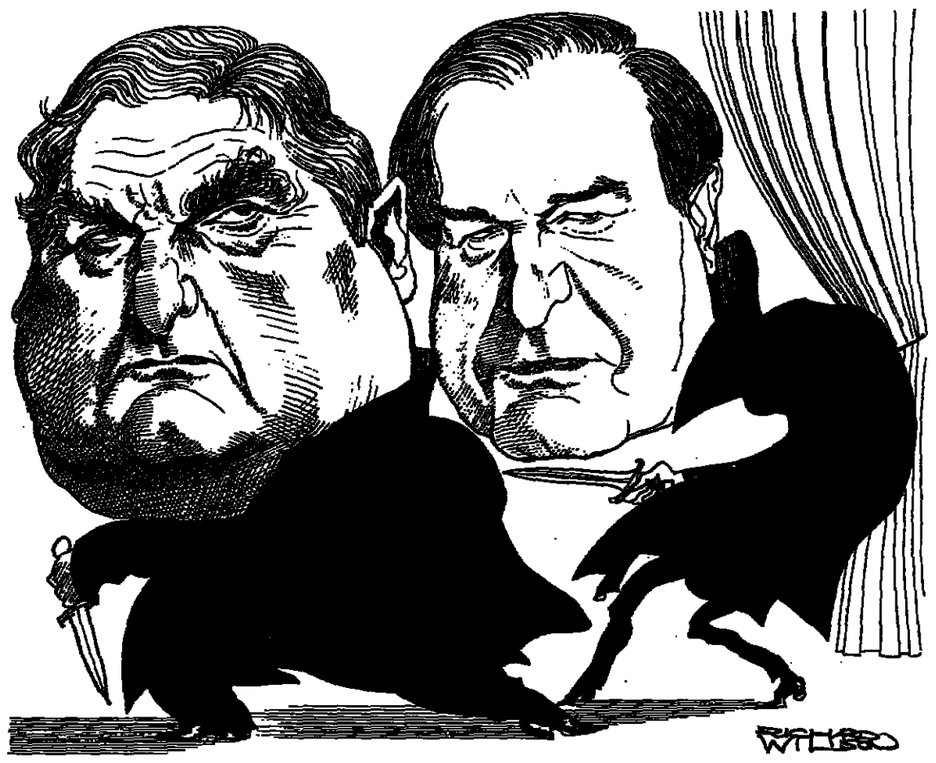
Early in these great technological changes, as Professor Joseph Schumpeter observed, there tend to be periods when more jobs are being destroyed in the old system than are being created by the new. It certainly looked that way in the 1930s, and arguably also in the 1870s. It looks like that now. He thought this was an important factor in the long cycle of slumps which has plagued mankind twice a century at least since the Dutch tulip boom collapsed in 1637. The 1990s are another such decade of world depression, with the growth in the economy of Asia the major countervailing force.

If one looks at this historic development from the point of view of any of the European governments meeting to discuss unemployment at tomorrow's summit, the prospect is grim. Technological change and market shift are destroying the jobs of millions of their voters. The economy no longer needs even its present number of factory workers, or of managers, bureaucrats and other office workers. The greatest job destruction programme in the history of the world is still accelerating, though it has already raised European unemployment to above 11 per cent, or about 20 million people. There is a huge swing of wealth and power from Europe and North America to Asia. Not only has Europe to adjust to these changes, but it is experiencing the worst cyclical depression since the 1930s, which is still in full force in Germany and France.

These changes increase the electoral pressure on governments but reduce their power to respond. Protectionist demands are increasing, but you cannot protect yourself from information: you cannot put a tariff on an electronic pulse. Capital is increasingly moving offshore. The welfare bargain between capital and factory labour has become an industrial cost which export customers will not pay. The information age, at least in its present stage, frees many individuals from the power of the state. Governments around the world are becoming more and more unpopular because change is accelerating, the employment of whole classes is being destroyed, and they can do nothing effective to stop it, though they still have some capacity to make the situation worse.

That's enough lies, thank you

Rottenness has infected the very heart of the Government



There are times when, contemplating the Attorney-General, Sir Nicholas Lyell, mere stamping on the floor in rage will not suffice. But what will? Murder, I gather, is illegal, as is the use of a cosh, and to daub risible slogans on the pavement where he lives might indicate that we were merely jesting. Well, I am not, for one, and the only way I can avoid bursting is to have recourse to profanity. I don't know whether there is a precedent for the appearance of rude words in *The Times*, but as I have often pointed out, there is no precedent for anything before it has been done for the first time.

That said, let me introduce a trio of well-used condemnatory terms, and say of Sir Nicholas Lyell, who holds the post of Attorney-General (surely to everyone's amazement?) that he doesn't know his arse from his elbow, that he couldn't organise a piss-up in a brewery, and that the best thing he could do would be to bugger off and not come back.

Now look: when I said that it was a strange but proven truth that every Attorney-General is worse than the one before, you all smiled and said things like "Oh, it's only old Bernard's hyperbole". Did you not think that Sir Patrick Mayhew *must* have ended the line? What do you say now?

You must remember that Sir Nicholas (while I am on the subject, can anyone tell me why Law Officers are automatically knighted, though a flogging would be better?) is the man appointed by the Government to monitor the cover-up in the Matrix Churchill scandal, after Government ministers had failed to get vital documents suppressed. (A heroic judge ordered disclosure. If he hadn't, remember, innocent British citizens working for the British Government would have been sent to prison by the likes of Lyell.)

And now we have yet another Serious ("You must be joking") Fraud Office scandal, in which "protected" documents belonging to the defence in the prosecution of Mr Asil Nadir were circulated to people who were not entitled to see them, let alone distribute them. And who was the genius in this business too, this Titan of the law, this Pufendorf, this Hammurabi, this Solon? Yes, it could only be Sir Nicholas Lyell, that very Sir Nicholas Lyell who had some months previously made clear to the Commons that the documents had not been circulated. No wonder that he was almost hysterical in his haste to announce that an independent enquiry would not be worthwhile, presumably in case it turned out to be useful. (Note that our hero's confession took 105 lines of Hansard to make the thing unintelligible.)

Have you ever realised — and this, too, is but sober truth — that there is no need at all for an Attorney-General or Solicitor-General? They have no work to do that could not be done (and better, incidentally) in half a morning a week by a retired QC, and if they say that they are essential for government cover-ups (not a wholly unreasonable plea), surely each of these could be dealt with in the appropriate department.

But there are two more items in this catalogue that must be examined, for Sir Nicholas is not quite alone in his débâcle; there is also Mr Staple, who is the director of the Serious ("You must be joking") Fraud Office. I have not so far read anything in the story about Mr Staple leaping into the limelight and demanding to take part of the blame, but there is still time. More gravely, there is a lady in the case, a civil servant called Ms Harris; her job was apparently concerned with the investigations in the Nadir case. She has now left the Serious ("You must be joking") Fraud Office, but remains a civil servant. But there is a sinister shadow over her: her solicitors have put out a statement saying that "She has taken legal advice because she is very unhappy about what has been said about her by the Attorney-General. She is considering her position." That smells to me like an opportunity for some one to make the lady into the scapegoat. Although an anonymous spokesman from the Serious ("You must be joking") Fraud Office has said that no one will be singled out, I wouldn't trust that shambles of an organisation to multiply four by two and get half a dozen answers, all wrong.

Bernard Levin

Now let us leave Sir Nicholas Lyell's contribution to the merriment and examine that of Sir Patrick Mayhew — he who was himself an Attorney-General. Sir Patrick has been telling lies and getting away with them — getting away with them, moreover, smelling as sweet as the heather in bloom or, he would like to think, sweeter. I cannot resist (and even if could, I wouldn't) offering you the dramatic picture of Sir Patrick and his porkies, as recorded by *The Independent*.

> The old Sir Patrick Mayhew was a big, bluff character with a genial twinkle in his eye and a ready smile . . . accepted as a man of rectitude and straight dealing, as indeed befits a former Attorney-General [*ha, ha, ha* — B.L.] . . . The new Sir Patrick Mayhew made his first appearance at a Stormont Castle press conference last Sunday. Pale, tense and unhappy, he stumbled through his explanations of why he had been in protracted contact with Sinn Fein and the IRA.
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> His audience was not a receptive one, for it consisted of journalists who had heard him repeatedly deny such contacts. Absolutely untrue, he had insisted. His press officer had scoffed at one such report from the journalist Eamonn Mallie: "It belongs more properly in the fantasy of spy thrillers than in real life."
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> Sir Patrick, asked by Mallie how he would react if somebody produced evidence of such contacts, had chortled condescendingly: "I should be very interested to see it."
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> The production of that evidence last weekend — by Eamonn Mallie — introduced us to the new, grim, non-chortling Sir Patrick. The press conference was unimpressed by his performance. "We have witnessed you being extremely nervous", one woman journalist told him with Belfast directness. "I think we noticed you swallowing, and your syntax has gone to pieces several times." He made a hurried, graceless exit after his ordeal, leaving his glasses behind.

And so far at least, he has got away with it. It is not necessary to elevate the Reverend Ian Paisley to martyrdom for being thrown out of the Commons chamber for telling the truth — *viz.*, that Mayhew had lied. All that is necessary is to read through the excuses, the shoddy, shabby pretences, the weasel-words, Sir Patrick's now famous list of 22 "errors" (did you spot the trick played in his office — keeping the news of the 22 too late not only for the television news, but even for the press's first editions?) and the rest of the infamy. Just read through the Prime Minister's fraudulent stomach-turnings, and all the damage done by this exercise in stinking mendacity — mendacity, moreoever, that has the liars looking for praise and commendation before having to admit (though they *haven't* yet admitted it), the tragic truth. That tragic truth is that the exercise's inevitable result was that both Unionists and nationalists, in both Ulster and the Republic, will now disbelieve everything and anything that comes out of Westminster. And they will be quite right to do so.

This Government, even its upright members (if any), has gone over time. It is exhausted, dried up and hopeless; it has no vision, ideas, plans, strength, luck or courage. Every day, we read of another feeble plan, and every day after we read that the plan has been given up. (See Lilley and Howard, *passim*.)

The Tory Party and the Tory Government alike are worm-eaten, crumbling and rotted away. Its oriflammes are the likes of Sir Patrick Mayhew and Sir Nicholas Lyell, and its think-tank is Sir Norman Fowler. A substantial time in Opposition might sufficiently cleanse the Tories, but for my part I don't care. What I do care about is this country, and my fear that another Tory government would turn our country into what they have themselves become. Enough.

Troublesome priest

LITTLE did George Austin realise it at the time, but in casting doubts on the Prince of Wales's suitability to become king, the Archdeacon of York was also, unwittingly, calling into question whether he was fit to stand in the pulpit. The oath of allegiance, which he first took when he was ordained in 1955, and swore most recently five years ago when he became archdeacon, is unambiguous in its requirement of loyalty to the monarchy.

The words of the oath, that Austin must now know by heart, read as follows: "I, George Austin, do swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, her heirs and successors, according to law: So help me God."

Which all becomes rather embarrassing when you consider Austin's comments about Prince Charles in *The Times*. He said: "If his attitude to his vows of matrimony was so cavalier, has he the right to be trusted in this second solemnity?"

Austin is adamant his comments are not a breach of the oath. "It says 'according to law', in the oath. And in the eyes of the Church Charles's behaviour is not lawful. Anyway, when I took the oath five years ago things were very different. I would have more difficulty with the assent now, I admit, but I doubt I'll ever be asked to take it again."

Austin goes further, suggesting the oath should be scrapped: "It is a leftover issue from Henry VIII's day, when allegiance to the Crown or to Rome was a life-and-death issue. It is totally out of date now."

Called to account

THE scourge of the mobile phone continues. Last year a Test match was rudely interrupted by the ringing of a "portable", which Allan Lamb had handed to umpire Dickie Bird as he walked out to bat. This week saw a solicitor charged for contempt of court for allowing his mobile phone to go off in court last Friday. On Monday, Kevin Lee, a Bromley solicitor, was back in court at Snaresbrook — this time to explain. Lee was sweating all weekend: "I honestly thought I was going to be banged up in the cells. My client couldn't believe it — he thought the whole thing was crazy."

Judge Haworth was astonished to learn Lee was a senior partner in a solicitors' firm, says Lee. "I think he thought I was a clerk. I suppose he's against mobile phones in court because he's worried clerks might get on the blower and order more witnesses if things were going badly."



DIARY

● *AFTER her whirlwind promotional tour, in which she signed many thousand copies of her memoirs, Baroness Thatcher appears keen to rest her wrist. When Downing Street asked recently for four signed copies, Thatcher's protective staff refused to help — other than to direct the enquirer to Conservative Central Office, where signed copies are on sale.*

Home for lunch

FEW CONTESTANTS will be more at home this morning in Lambeth Palace at the Sandford St Martin Trust's religious broadcasting awards than James Runcie, the flame-haired son of the former archbishop. Runcie is up for a prize following his short television play *The Figure on the Cross*, shown on Good Friday, which featured a young boy talking to God or Jesus on the Cross.

One of the perks for winners will be a lunch in Lambeth Palace with the archbishop following the ceremony — which will be no novelty, of course, to Runcie. A spokesman for the trust argues, however, that the occasion will be sufficiently prestigious to avoid any sense of *déjà vu*: "It would be lunch with a different archbishop of course."

In need of a rest

THE LATEST attempt to sort out Sunday shopping inevitably proved a logistical nightmare for all concerned. Eight MPs, including Kenneth Baker, were granted leave of absence to set off early for Moscow, Siberia and the Mongolian border to scrutinise the Russian elections — only on condition that the cross-party group paired up to cancel out each other's votes.

But the most seasoned scrutineer, Sir Peter Emery, was caught out. He had to choose between donning his winter woollies in preparation for the Russian wastes or moving his amendment to fill the churches by stopping shops opening on the Sabbath before 1 o'clock.

"I am in a very difficult situation," he confesses. "I was meant to have gone yesterday. But I have this amendment and I had to deal with it." Sir Peter plans to catch a 9am flight to Moscow today.

"We fly to Moscow. Then it's straight to a reception, and finally on to the night sleeper for the last 1,000 miles to Nizhny Novgovrod, which everybody knows as Gorky," says a breathless Sir Peter. That's democracy for you.

● *Janet Street-Porter, Norman Lamont and Jeremy Beadle rubbed shoulders at a convivial Christmas party in The Reform Club on Tuesday night. Michael Buerk had hiccups and a bad throat. "Not too helpful for newsreading," he gasped.*



A shortage of famous Brits

THE GATT trade talks might well be close to cementing Euro-American relations but a little time-bomb could well undo any unity forged in Europe. The German Embassy in London has sent out its 1994 calendar, the first with a pan-European theme, which features prominent Europeans and their cities.

Shades of the German sunbed saga shine through its pages, however. For of the bulk of the 50 or so prominent Europeans featured, most appear to be German. And while France scores reasonably well, with half a dozen of its nationals considered sufficiently important to be included, Britain's score is pitiful: we are represented only by Isaac Newton (right), who lived in Cambridge, and George Frederick Handel, of London. Despite his British connections, Handel is understandably described as "the first internationally renowned German musician of his day". The embassy denies any nationalistic motive. "This is our first European calendar," says a spokesman. "I am sure we will welcome more Europeans in the next year."

UP BEFORE SCOTT

Lady Thatcher poses problems for ministers still in power

Ministers have become used to boasting that Britain's system of parliamentary accountability is almost unrivalled. Having to answer questions at the dispatch box is supposed to be the ultimate discipline, especially for the Prime Minister who suffers the ordeal twice a week. Yesterday's questioning of Baroness Thatcher at the Scott enquiry was a useful antidote to such claims.

As one witness to the Scott enquiry, Eric Beston of the Department of Trade and Industry, has already explained: "The way questions are answered in Parliament tends to be something of an art form rather than a means of communication." Ministers can, and usually do, evade the question, sometimes brazenly. On television, too, they know that interviewers will be reluctant to press them repeatedly on the same subject. Even select committee members have a limited time allotted to them to pursue one line of cross-examination.

But Presiley Baxendale, counsel to the Scott enquiry, was not prepared yesterday to be fobbed off in trying to establish the facts behind British arms sales to Iraq. "You are asking the same question again and again and again and again," complained Lady Thatcher at one point. Neil Kinnock would have envied Miss Baxendale's opportunity to spend a whole day putting the former prime minister on the spot, rather than a minute or two during a quarter of an hour's bunfight. Each woman tried to intimidate the other. Neither succeeded.

Lady Thatcher denied that the guidelines on arms sales to Iraq had been changed substantively after the end of the Iran-Iraq war. Thus she claimed that she had not misled Parliament in 1989 when she said that there had been no change in policy. But she conceded that the guidelines had been interpreted more liberally, and she expressed concern that intelligence about how British exports were being used in Iraq had not been shown to ministers, including herself. The picture she drew was one of confusion rather than conspiracy at the heart of government.

Yet from evidence already given to the enquiry it is clear that cynicism played as great a part as incompetence in the development of a policy that eventually led to three innocent men from Matrix Churchill being prosecuted for acting on a minister's advice. Lady Thatcher was known to be keen on boosting British arms exports and not to be too choosy about their destination. She and some of her colleagues felt that if Britain adopted a moral stance, other arms exporters would exploit the gap. Competitive cynicism crept into government policy.

Had ministers announced this view in Parliament, members could have argued over whether the boost to British exports should offset any moral qualms about Saddam Hussein's regime. They were given no such opportunity. Yesterday Miss Baxendale, questioning why it took so long merely for the original guidelines to be made public, asked whether it was possible to debate changes in government policy if they were not made public. The former Prime Minister insisted that there were plenty of opportunities to debate government policy.

The truth is that there are opportunities for Parliament to examine the policies that the government of the day chooses to offer up for debate. Members can ask questions on other issues, but will receive proper answers only if ministers are minded to give them. The Matrix Churchill affair could only have happened in a country so wedded to secrecy, and in a system with so few checks and balances, as Britain. Ministers following Lady Thatcher, including Kenneth Clarke and John Major, have much explaining still to do.

RUSSIA'S CHOICE

Sunday's election will mark the end of the beginning

If this Sunday's elections in Russia produce a clearcut outcome, it will be because the popular yearning for political stability triumphs over the confusion of a campaign which has offered them an embarrassing richness of choice. The Russian talent for complication has affected every aspect of these elections. Thirteen political groups — most of them bearing little resemblance to parties in the Western sense — are competing for the voters' favour. The reformers should still, just, have the edge; but instead of uniting against the well-organised communists and the ultranationalist camp, they have fragmented into four factions, each with a different prescription for the modernisation Russia desperately needs. The reform vote could therefore be badly split, and the new Duma could in consequence bear a depressing resemblance to the old Russian Supreme Soviet.

Excessive complexity is equally evident in the balloting procedure itself. Voters must fill in four forms: two for the Duma, or lower house of parliament; one to choose two representatives for the upper house; and one to approve or reject President Yeltsin's controversial new constitution. And if they reject the constitution, as Mr Yeltsin has shown that he fears they might, the entire election will be void. Given Russia's need to create effective democratic institutions capable of guiding coherent economic reform, the whole process is worryingly prone to accident. Millions are still undecided, and a disturbingly aggressive nationalism has run through the entire campaign.

Yet the picture is not as bleak as some of the infighting in the reformers' camps suggests. Despite the political vacuum since the storming of the Russian parliament last October, there has been enough vigorous debate to make these real elections. And despite the bitter hardships, opinion polls show that the vast majority have turned their backs on the command economy.

There is wide resentment of the inequalities created by free-market reforms, particularly among the lowest paid government workers whose income is now only a tenth of the average wage. Yet there is little support for a return to subsidies and state controls. Instead, most people accept that economic reform is essential, even if they are demanding more protection for the low-paid and vulnerable groups. Significantly, the pro-reform parties have eagerly sought to recruit Russia's new breed of businessmen onto their party lists, because the polls also show that Russians trust them more than they trust politicians and bureaucrats.

Yegor Gaidar, the architect of radical reforms in the government who leads Russia's Choice, has softened his pitch, particularly when it comes to spelling out what further financial austerity will mean in terms of unemployment. His critics in other reformist groups scoff at his contention that allowing unprofitable state enterprises to go bankrupt will mean reorganising them rather than closing them down. But his case for ending most remaining subsidies is largely made with the voters. His key proposal for radical land reform is a clear vote-winner. And this week's news that inflation fell dramatically in November, from 20 per cent a month to 11.3 per cent, lends needed credibility to his pledge to reduce it to a monthly 4-5 per cent by the end of next year.

The key vote remains the constitution, itself essentially a referendum on Mr Yeltsin himself, since it gives him near-dictatorial powers. There is serious opposition to vesting so much authority in the president. Mr Yeltsin is gambling that Russians want above all to end political feuding after the long stalemate in the "war of laws" between the government and the old legislature. Yesterday Mikhail Gorbachev, no friend of Mr Yeltsin, gave it his reluctant support, on the ground that Russians must finally "get on with life". If that accurately encapsulates the Russian mood, these elections may mark the end of Russia's turbulent beginning along the long, rough road to a modern market democracy.

PAUSE FOR APPLAUSE

A big hand for businesses that support the arts

Public subsidy of the arts is contracting after years of plenty. Those who administer government funds seem in some disarray. Little wonder, then, that the money which the arts receives from business sponsors, £58 million last year, is now regarded not as "icing on the cake" — a much-used phrase in palmier days — but as the very food of survival.

These are not easy times for business, either. That £58 million represents a 13 per cent decrease in arts sponsorship since last year. So today's ceremony at the Royal National Theatre — where the Princess of Wales will present the ABSA/Arthur Anderson Awards for Business Sponsorship of the Arts, in association with *The Times* — is more than just a pat on the back for enlightened chairmen. It should be seen as a plea to the business world, from those working in the arts, but also from the millions who visit a sponsored concert hall, theatre, gallery or museum each year. The message is that the revolution in arts funding, so hard-won in the Eighties, cannot now be allowed to die.

That death could happen all too easily. Arts organisations cannot always obtain the recognition for their sponsors that big sports events achieve. In some quarters of the arts world, people who should know better still harbour suspicions of "big business". Earlier this year a bizarre European Parliament report advocated removing sponsors' credits altogether in the EC, on the grounds that the public is suffering "unbearable commercial harassment". The effect on cultural life would be catastrophic.

Today's ceremony, however, pays tribute to sponsors who have shown not only loyalty and generosity but often extraordinary boldness as well. As the shortlist for *The Times*'s new Critics' Award makes clear, without Beck's Bier, there would have been no Rachel Whiteread *House*, without British Gas, no opera company devoted to the training of Britain's young singers, without Carlton Television, no Donmar Warehouse (the venue which our theatre critic called "a vital pacemaker in the ageing heart of the West End"), and without Guinness and others, no Belfast Festival, the exhilarating three-week jamboree which lifted the spirits of that embattled city last month.

Sponsorship is not charity. In hard-nosed business terms it is just another advertising option. But what other sort of advertising brings so much enjoyment to the very people who are being targeted? Today's curtain-call on the South Bank is richly deserved.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Conflict over the Prince's future

From Mr Andrew Dyke

Sir, The Archdeacon of York is to be congratulated on his courageous article today on the Prince of Wales's suitability as our future king, and for speaking out for some basic values. Your editorial, "Fit to rule", in trying to argue that there is a difference between a monarch's public and private persona is wrong, and it is simply not adequate to point out the failings of so many earlier kings.

Of course, if we had an elected head of state the public could choose. The Prince of Wales could even stand for election himself: it would be interesting to see how many of the people whom you report Mr Nicholas Soames as believing to have a high regard for him would confirm this at the ballot box.

The redeeming feature of an elective system is that it offers us the opportunity to remove those whose standards of behaviour fall short of what is expected. Sadly, it looks as if we may need that opportunity.

Yours faithfully,
ANDREW DYKE,
40 Compton Road,
Winchmore Hill, N21.
December 8.

From Father Geoffrey Marsh

Sir, The Archdeacon of York had vows made for him at his baptism, and made them for himself at his confirmation and at his ordination. I hope that he is sure in his conscience that he has kept those vows to the full, since his Lord warned him that only those who are without sin should cast stones at even proven adulterers, let alone putative ones. There was another dominical saying too: judge not, that ye be not judged.

Yours etc,
G. J. MARSH (Chaplain),
Cathedral School,
29 Castle Street, Hereford.

From Mr Martin L. Griffith

Sir, When the crowd were about to stone the woman who had committed adultery Jesus said that whichever of them had committed no sin might throw the first stone. When he looked up they had gone (John 8, iii-ix).

If the same scene were to be re-enacted in 1993 it appears that when Jesus looked up he would see the Archdeacon of York, stone in hand, ready to begin.

Yours faithfully,
M. L. GRIFFITH,
54 Underhill Road, SE22.
December 8.

From Mr Bernard Kaukas

Sir, This morning, on the radio, I heard a bishop of the Church of England refer to adultery as a "moral peccadillo". Well, well: no wonder that Anglicans who take their religion seriously are considering transferring their allegiance to the Church of Rome, where adultery is still considered to be a mortal sin — in spite of Graham Greene.

Yours despairingly,
BERNARD KAUKAS,
13 Lynwood Road, Ealing, W5.
December 8.

From Mr Andrew Knight

Sir, I am a twice-times divorcé. I regret it, but console myself that hardly a family in the country has been spared pain in the marriage of one or more of its members.

Prince Charles also regrets, I bet, the "failure" of his marriage — it would have been marvellous, of course, if the fairy-tale had come true. But the Prince's problems also make him more, not less, representative of his future subjects. Indeed, perhaps he should divorce.

The mystery of kingship has gone, I concede. But mystery could never have survived invention of the silicon chip. Instead of Prince Charles being the sugar prince, his shoes polished by a valet, he now also knows the ordinary pain of being an ordinary man. A king will need that knowledge.

Yours etc,
ANDREW KNIGHT,
88 St George's Square, SW1.

From Mr J. H. S. Elliott

Sir, In your leader you correctly say: This so-called "moral argument", whatever the nature of the Prince's behaviour in marriage, is mischievous, fallacious, aggressive in language and wholly regrettable.

Why then did you think it desirable to headline the report on your front page (earlier editions): "Is the Prince fit to rule, asks churchman"? Would it not have been fairer and kinder to put that report on an inside page under the heading: "Archdeacon's views on royal succession attract only limited support"?

Prince Charles has done an excellent job as Prince and there is no reason to believe that he would not continue to do so as King.

Yours faithfully,
J. H. S. ELLIOTT,
50 Wellington Park, Belfast.
December 8.

From Mr A. G. T. Walker

Sir, The Archdeacon of York has done a terrible wrong. He has dared to say what many, if not most, people think.

Yours faithfully,
ANTONY G. T. WALKER,
Honeywood House, Mill Lane,
St Ippolyts, Hitchin, Hertfordshire.

Clarifying need for video controls

From Mr Martin Scott

Sir, Sir Philip Goodhart (letter, December 6) is rightly concerned about the effect of violent pornography on viewers. However, his suggestion of a swingeing tax on all 18-certificate films and videos would make these films a luxury, affordable only by the well-off; it also appears to reveal a serious ignorance about such films, the majority of which do not qualify as "violent pornography": indeed, many of the most highly acclaimed films carry an 18 certificate.

What is needed, first of all, is clarity of thought. We need to establish the level of violence which is necessary for a film to become "pornographic", rather than simply "adult".

We also need to separate the two issues of sex and violence: if one can object to the depiction of violence on the ground that it encourages imitation, then presumably the explicit depiction of sex in a loving marriage should be positively encouraged. Having decided what the general adult audience should be allowed to see, we can then bring the full weight of the law to bear on those film-makers and distributors who go too far.

Perhaps, in fairness, penalties should be extended to those parents who allow their children to witness violence at home, whether in films or reading matter, or by perpetrating acts of violence themselves. Sadly, I suspect that any such initiative holds less appeal for pundits (whether representing political parties or pressure groups) than the vote and headline-grabbing pronouncements which continue to proliferate.

Perhaps our leaders would rather not confront the fact that it is our behaviour as individuals that shapes society far more than the behaviour of any one group.

Yours sincerely,
MARTIN SCOTT,
37 Ellesmere Road, E3.

From Mr Peter Murcott

Sir, Last year, having conducted extensive research into British and Irish legislation on video control, I submitted a report to every member of the Tynwald, calling for forthcoming Manx legislation to follow Irish rather than British law. The former is much the stricter of the two.

The figures speak for themselves. Between 1985 and 1992 the British Board of Film Classification rejected 31 out of a total of 24,531 viewed. Ireland's legislation came into force in 1991, and at present the Official Censor of Films views only videos which are referred to him after being seized on importation. By July 1993 he had banned 344 of these titles, and extra staff are yet to be appointed to view the huge backlog of videos already in the country.

Together with the widespread concern here about videos, these figures account for the strong public support for my submission.

Yours faithfully,
PETER MURCOTT,
8 Selborne Drive,
Douglas, Isle of Man.

'Camp' Christmas

From the Archdeacon of Aston

Sir, I was as perplexed as Libby Purves ("High camp Christmas", November 29) to read elsewhere that I had said that Channel 4's forthcoming *Camp Christmas* "is the James Bulger story". That would be nonsense.

However, in my view, it is the programme's *title* which is at fault. It is one of the many products of debased human values, of which the James Bulger murder is another example, different in degree but not in kind. That is why I protested against the juxtaposition of the two words.

I distinguish between people who are homosexual, and behaviour which parades sexuality (homosexual or heterosexual) as an end in itself, reinforced by innuendoes and the implicit promotion of promiscuity. That is what I take "camp" to mean.

Libby Purves thinks the word represents "the triumph of individual humanity and humour over alienation, confusion, loneliness and derision". My dictionary offers "consciously artificial, exaggerated, vulgar, or mannered; self-parodying, esp. when in dubious taste". The vilification of gay people has often taken that form and many serious-minded homosexuals deplore it.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN BARTON,
Birmingham Diocesan Office,
175 Harborne Park Road,
Harborne, Birmingham 17.

Plain speaking

From Mrs Dianne M. Jeffrey

Sir, John Redwood, Secretary of State for Wales, is absolutely right when he pleads for managers not to "use words that set them apart" (*The Times* Essay, November 29). Directors and managers, he says, should know what customers want and how customers are to be satisfied.

Being a director today is a complex professional job which requires a high degree of competence and sensitivity. NHS authorities and trusts, in their determination to support principles of openness, integrity and accountability, believe in the effectiveness of non-executive directors in setting and maintaining standards of corporate governance.

These non-executive directors, businessmen, professionals and above all consumers, haven't a hope of contributing their special skills, knowledge and experience to public service if they are bamboozled by acronyms, jargon and management-speak, such as Mr Redwood illustrates in his article.

Here in north Derbyshire staff who have spent a lifetime in health service management have made a special effort to welcome and brief our non-executive directors in plain English. This is much appreciated, and newly appointed board members can thus benefit from a proper process of induction.

Yours sincerely,
DIANNE M. JEFFREY
(Chairman-designate),
Community Health Care Service
NHS Trust (North Derbyshire),
The Shrubberies, 46 Newbold Road,
Chesterfield, Derbyshire.

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Station design

From Mr Nigel Wikeley

Sir, Most designers will agree with much of what Marcus Binney has to say about current railway architecture ("Adventure at the end of the line", November 25), but the comparisons made with earlier station design seem simplistic in the extreme. Less hyperbole, and more balance, is needed.

It is all too easy to snipe at Euston's distinctly pedestrian design whilst ignoring what had been achieved elsewhere during that era. Harlow, Coventry, Radlett, Bedford: these and many others demonstrate that good and stylish design was alive and well, even then.

What cannot be disputed is that railway architecture rarely descended into the depths of pastiche which have characterised so much of this country's buildings in the last decade. Station design has invariably been modern in style rather than fashionable.

The probable reasons for there being so many more distinctive stations built recently are first, greater willingness to channel money in that direction (easier than elsewhere on the railways), and secondly, wider freedom for the designers.

Nick Grimshaw's Waterloo Channel tunnel terminal is stunning in its elegance and shares at least one virtue with many earlier railway buildings: it is ready and waiting long before the rest of the infrastructure.

Yours sincerely,
NIGEL WIKELEY
(Architect to British Rail
Southern Region, 1965-85),
Jutland, 7 Carrick Drive,
Sevenoaks, Kent.

Not bitten

From Mr John Stevenson

Sir, Mr William Crowther, QC, who acted for a defendant found guilty of stealing racing pigeons as a result of the birds' return to base (letter, November 27) has my sympathy. Some 25 years ago, as procurator fiscal in Oban I charged a youth with stealing a ferret, and the case was decided by its actions.

I had called several witnesses, who each examined the ferret and testified that it belonged to the complainer. I expected a similar sequence of witnesses for the defence, equally certain that it was the property of the accused.

At the lunch break the 80-year-old complainer, an acknowledged expert on ferrets, told me that only the owner of a ferret could put the animal in his mouth and that he would demonstrate this to the court.

After the recess he gave his evidence, went to the cage in the well of the court, extracted the ferret and put it head first in his mouth. He kept it there for what seemed a long time before returning it to its cage. That closed the case for the prosecution.

The accused youth's solicitor then argued strongly that there was no need for his client to go to the same dangerous lengths in order to prove ownership. But the lad insisted, went to the cage, extracted the ferret and put it partly into his mouth. He closed his lips on it and smiled as he looked round the courtroom.

What the complainer had not taken into account was that the accused youth also knew that the ferret would only allow someone it knew very well to put it in his mouth. And he had been feeding it twice a day for six weeks while it had been in a cage at the police station, awaiting the outcome of the trial.

The accused was rightly found to be not guilty and kept the ferret.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN STEVENSON,
Cruachan, Villa Road,
Oban, Argyllshire.
November 29.

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Changed face for the card of Avon

From Mr Jon Mills

Sir, Dr Rowse's ex-printer Bard, if one understands him aright ("Found: Will's lost years", December 3), is surely an unlikely type. The only generally acknowledged surviving example of Shakespeare's hand, in a play script at least, is a three-page addition to the manuscript of *Sir Thomas More*: this shows him to have been a particularly old-fashioned and idiosyncratic speller.

The prime requirement in an Elizabethan printer, by contrast, was adherence to an up-to-date and relatively standard system of spelling, not so distant from Johnsonian/modern norms. The modern and consistent spellings of the two contributors to the *More* manuscript who had been trained as printers, Anthony Munday and Henry Chettle, are an indication of the extent to which the skills learnt by a printer could be integrated into his own handwriting.

The *More* manuscript tells us that Shakespeare spelt in a manner which no man with any practical experience of printing is likely to have persisted in. To concoct an illustration, using examples figuring mostly in the three pages,

Yt wer surely shame so to forgeat kindnes as t'omitt to gratulat on's nynety yeares, thesteemd good doctor Rows,

which one does now, with gratitude for his sundry plantings in the Shakespearean forest, if regrettably not the latest.

Yours sincerely,
JON MILLS,
Ebenezer Cottage,
7 Station Road, Chertsey, Surrey.
December 6.

To show our films

From Sir Anthony Meyer

Sir, No city can compare with London for the richness of musical and theatrical life, and many provincial cities in Britain offer almost equally varied fare. Yet Britain must be the film slum of Europe.

Our cinema screens in London and in the multi-screen complexes in the provinces are monopolised by lavish and mindless American pulp films. The distributors who control what we are allowed to see refuse to screen any of the films that have rightly won acclaim on the Continent, and even the handful of British-made films have to struggle to get a screening.

Surely the French deserve our full support against the American film industry's abuse of Gatt procedures, which could submerge European culture.

I am etc,
ANTHONY MEYER,
9 Cottage Place, SW3.
December 8.

Alzheimer's genetics

From Professor Emeritus J. M. Thoday

Sir, The conclusions which Dr James Le Fanu (article, Body and Mind, November 23) reaches on the genetics of Alzheimer's disease are misleading.

First, it has been known since long before the invention of molecular genetics that a disease can be caused by different genes in different families. Retinitis Pigmentosa is an example, arising from a defect in the X chromosome in some pedigrees, and in other chromosomes in others.

The discovery that defects in two different genes can have the same apparent effect, made by William Bateson and his colleagues in Cambridge between 1900 and 1904, was the foundation of the understanding that led to the development of biochemical and molecular genetics.

Second, the finding that at least three different defective genes can be involved in Alzheimer's not only has not "revolutionised the understanding of the genetic contribution to disease in a most undesirable way" but offers the opportunity of identifying three different components of the underlying biochemistry of the disease.

Third, and most important, the diseases of which one can say that "a single defect in the genetic code gives rise to an abnormal protein or enzyme which in turn causes the disease" are mostly rare.

If anything else is to be called "an incomprehensible complexity", what hope is there of understanding the more common diseases, with whose causation numbers of genes, and usually numbers of environmental factors as well, are involved?

Yours faithfully,
J. M. THODAY,
7 Clarkson Road, Cambridge.
November 25.

Culture clash

From Mr Michael Whitehead

Sir, Rarely can the BBC have offered its viewers such an epic choice as it did on Saturday afternoon, when the Barbarians (BBC1 *Grandstand*) clashed with *Civilisation* (BBC2).

Yours faithfully,
M. E. WHITEHEAD,
41 Clay Lane,
Bushey Heath, Hertfordshire.
December 4.

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COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
December 8: Mr Justice Jacob was received by The Queen upon his appointment as a Justice of the High Court when Her Majesty conferred upon him the honour of Knighthood and invested him with the insignia of a Knight Bachelor.

His Excellency Monsieur Gabriel Sar was received in audience by The Queen and presented the Letters of Recall of his predecessor and his own Letters of Credence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from the Republic of Senegal to the Court of St James's.

His Excellency was accompanied by the following members of the Embassy: Monsieur M A R Bengeloun (Minister-Counsellor), Monsieur M Sene (First Counsellor), Madame F Diallo (First Secretary), Monsieur M Kane (First Secretary) and Monsieur I D Ndiaye (Attaché).

Madame Vilasco-Sar was also received by Her Majesty.

Sir David Gillmore (Permanent Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs) was present and the Household in Waiting were in attendance.

The Queen received the Bishop of Salisbury (the Right Reverend David Stancliffe) who was introduced into Her Majesty's presence by the Rt Hon Antony Newton MP (Lord President of the Council) and did homage upon his appointment.

The Queen received the Bishop of Gloucester (the Right Reverend David Bentley) who was introduced into Her Majesty's presence by the Rt Hon Antony Newton MP (Lord President of the Council) and did homage upon his appointment.

The Lord President of the Council administered the Oath.

The Bishop of Chelmsford (Clerk of the Closet) and *the Household* in Waiting were in attendance.

The State President of the Republic of South Africa and Mrs de Klerk visited The Queen this afternoon.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh this evening attended a Reception at the Naval Club, 38 Hill Street, London W1, to mark the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve Officers' Association and were received by the President (Admiral Sir William Pillar).

The Duchess of Grafton, Mr Robin Janvrin and Major James Patrick were in attendance.

The Duke of Edinburgh, National President, The Royal Air Forces Association, today attended a meeting of Central Council and a Luncheon at the Royal Air Force Club, Piccadilly, London W1.

Wing Commander Christopher Moran RAF was in attendance.

His Royal Highness, Patron, this afternoon attended the Winter Meeting of the British Association of Plastic Surgeons at the Royal College of Surgeons, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London WC2.

Brigadier Miles Hunt-Davis was in attendance.

By command of The Queen, the Viscount Long (Lord in Waiting) was present at Heathrow Airport, London, this morning upon the Arrival of The State President of the Republic of South Africa and Mrs de Klerk and welcomed them on behalf of Her Majesty.

The Duke of Edinburgh was represented by Mr Maldwin Drummond at the Memorial Service for Sir Owen Aisher which was held in St Clement Danes, Strand, London WC2, today. The Princess Royal was represented by Mr Robin Duchesne.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
December 8: The Princess Royal, Colonel-in-Chief, Royal Corps of Signals, this morning received Major General Alan Yeoman and Major General Gordon Oehlers upon relinquishing their appointments as Colonels Commandant of the Regiment.

Her Royal Highness, President, British Olympic Association, later attended the National Olympic Committee Meeting at the Queen's Club, Palliser Road, London W14.

The Princess Royal, President, Royal Yachting Association, this afternoon attended a Council Meeting at the Royal Thames Yacht Club, 60 Knightsbridge, London SW1.

CLARENCE HOUSE
December 8: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, a Master of the Middle Temple, was pleased to dine with her fellow Benchers at the Middle Temple this evening.

The Dowager Viscountess Hambleden and Sir Alastair Aird were in attendance.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
December 8: The Prince of Wales, President, The Prince's Trust, this morning opened the Gateway Partners Foyer Project for the homeless, 66 Lancaster Street, London SE1.

Mr Matthew Butler was in attendance.

His Royal Highness later attended a Reception in aid of The Prince and Princess of Wales Hospice, Old Battersea House, 30 Vicarage Crescent, London SW11. Miss Belinda Harley was in attendance.

The Prince of Wales this evening gave a Reception at St James's Palace for winners of The Prince of Wales's Award for Rural Crafts and Skills.

KENSINGTON PALACE
December 8: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, President, the Girl Guides Association, held a Reception at Kensington Palace this afternoon following the presentation of Brooches to those who have become Queen's Guides.

The Lady Juliet Townsend was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
December 8: The Duke of Gloucester presented the British Council of Shopping Centres Award for 1993 at the Annual Dinner at the London Hilton on Park Lane, London W1.

Major Nicholas Barne was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
December 8: The Duke of Kent, Colonel, Scots Guards, today received Lieutenant Colonel Timothy Spicer, Commanding Officer the 1st Battalion, relinquishing the appointment, and Lieutenant Colonel Thomas Fitzalan Howard, assuming the appointment.

The Duke of Kent, President, this afternoon attended the Business and Technology Education Council's Student of the Year Medal Award Ceremony at the Institute of Civil Engineers, Great George Street, London SW1.

Captain Alexander Tetley was in attendance.

The Duchess of Kent, Patron, this afternoon attended the Not Forgotten Association's Christmas Party at Buckingham Palace, London SW1.

Miss Helen Tughan was in attendance.

The Duchess of Kent, Deputy Colonel-in-Chief, The Prince of Wales' Own Regiment of Yorkshire, today received Lieutenant Colonel Timothy Vines, Regimental Secretary.

Her Royal Highness later received Lieutenant Colonel Alastair Duncan, Commanding Officer the 1st Battalion, relinquishing the appointment, and Lieutenant Colonel Charles Le Brun, assuming the appointment.

The Duchess then received Lieutenant Colonel Anthony Blanch, Commanding Officer the 3rd Battalion, relinquishing the appointment, and Lieutenant Colonel Christopher Wood, assuming the appointment.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
RICHMOND PARK
December 8: Princess Alexandra today visited Lancashire and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Lancashire (Mr Simon Towneley).

Her Royal Highness, Chancellor, presided at ceremonies for the conferment of Higher and Honorary Degrees and Postgraduate Diplomas at Lancaster University.

Princess Alexandra subsequently opened the George Fox Teaching and Residential Building at the University.

The Lady Mary Mumford was in attendance.

Reception

Anglo-Indonesian Society
Mr Henry C. Hainworth, chairman, and members of the Council of the Anglo-Indonesian Society held a reception yesterday at the Cavendish Conference Centre. The Indonesian Ambassador and Mrs Habibie were present.

Party

"Not Forgotten" Association
The Duchess of Kent, Patron of the "Not Forgotten" Association, cut the Christmas cake at the Christmas party for disabled ex-servicemen held yesterday at the Riding School, Buckingham Palace.

MARC ASPLAND



Sergeant Arthur Butler, late of the Paras, says cheese after he and the other pensioners at the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, were presented with 300lb of English and Welsh cheeses in a ceremony which dates from the hospital's opening in 1692 when a London cheesemonger gave the pensioners cheese for Christmas

Architects win award for church

By John Young

RESTORATION of the eastern end of St Mary-le-Strand, widely regarded as the finest baroque church in London, was marked yesterday by the presentation of the annual Cookson award to the architects Donald Insall and Associates by Peter Brooke, the National Heritage Secretary.

The work was partly instigated by the Prince of Wales, who noted that, because of the one-way traffic system, the eastern end of the church was the one passers-by saw most, but that until recently it presented a rundown appearance.

The work involved refurbishing the Victorian railings, installing two new wrought-iron gates and refacing the walls and paving with Portland stone. St Mary-le-Strand, designed by James Gibbs in 1714, is regarded in ecclesiastical circles as a bastion of traditional attitudes. Many of the original fittings survive and the church also has a notable collection of 17th and 18th century plate. In 1984 it became the official church of the Women's Royal Naval Service.

A second prize winning project is St Helen's Church in Brant Broughton, Lincolnshire, a medieval building embellished in Victorian times, much of the cost of which was raised by the local community of just 500 people. The architect was Donald Smith.

Two commended projects are St Mary's Church, Horham, Suffolk, where a ring of eight bells believed to be the oldest octave in the world were restored; and Wymondham Abbey, in Norfolk, where a triptych designed by E P Warre at the turn of the century has been restored.

The awards, instituted by the Cookson group, are intended to recognise the best restoration and conservation work in ecclesiastical buildings.

Memorial services

Sir Owen Aisher
King Constantine of The Hellenes attended a service of thanksgiving for the life of Sir Owen Aisher held yesterday at St Clement Danes, Strand. The Duke of Edinburgh was represented by Mr Maldwin Drummond, Commodore of the Royal Yacht Squadron, and the Princess Royal by Brigadier Robin Duchesne, Secretary-General of the Royal Yachting Association.

The Rev G.B. McAvoy officiated. Mr Owen Aisher, son, read the lesson and Mr Robin Aisher, son, read from Victor Hugo's *Toilers of the Sea*. Mr Jack Aisher, brother, and Sir Maurice Laing gave addresses. Among others present were:

Mrs Peter Rowland and Mrs June Sommer (daughters), Mrs Owen Aisher and Mrs Robin Aisher (daughters-in-law), Mr and Mrs Richard Benest, Mr and Mrs David Aisher, Mr Timothy Aisher, Mr Jonathan Aisher, Mr and Mrs Anthony O'Leary, Mr and Mrs David Harford, Mr Owen Kerr, Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Kerr and Mr Mark Kerr (grandchildren), Peter and Nicholas O'Leary (great-grandsons), Mrs Jack Aisher (sister-in-law).

Sir Edward and Lady du Cann, Sir Peter Johnson, Lady Laing, Lady Wontner, Admiral Sir Anthony Morton, Sir Robert and Lady Crichton-Brown, Sir John Milne, Sir Christopher and Lady Wates, Lady Forbes, Lady (Barrie) Heath, Sir George Russell (chairman, Marley) and Lady Russell with Mr David Trapnell (chief executive) and Mrs Trapnell, Mr and Mrs Mike Evans, Mr Robert Barr, Mr Michael Munro and Mr John Dewar.

Mr Neil Elles, Mr and Mrs Richard Aisher, Mr Paul Aisher, Mr and Mrs Trevor Aisher, Mr and Mrs Michael Aisher, Mr Richard Westmacott, Major-General Oliver Roome, Mr David May, Mr Peter Costain, Mr Sean Kelly, Mr Charles Telfer, Mr Robert Bell, Mr Peter Perry, Mr and Mrs David Edwards, Judge Devonshire, Mr Iain Macdonald-Smith, Mr Michael Noakes, Mr Keith Hancock, Mr and Mrs Ian Butler.

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Mr John May (representing the crew of Yeoman XXVIII), Mr Guy Clarabut and Mr John Fitch (Admiralty Ferry Crew Association), Mr T W White (National School Sailing Association) and Mrs White, Mr Peter Cook (Yachting Journalism Association), Mr Moran Caplat (Glyndebourne Festival Opera), Mr Michael Broadbent (Broadbents, Leicester), Mr Bryan M Routledge (C E Heath Group), Mr W V W Norris (Allen and Overy), Mr Robert Napier (Redland) and Mr John Burt (Paviors' Company) and Mrs Burt.

Brigadier Dame Margot Turner
A service of thanksgiving for the life of Brigadier Dame Margot Turner was held yesterday at the Royal Garrison Church of All Saints, Aldershot. The Rev Anthony Appleby officiated, assisted by Mgr J. O'Sullivan. Major D. Quarington-Wilson, QARANC, read the lesson and Brigadier H.E. Dixon-Nuttall, Director of Army Nursing, read *A Prisoner's Thanksgiving*. Lieutenant C. Alderson, QARANC, accompanied by the choir, sang *The Captives Hymn*. Colonel D.G.M. Anderson, Colonel Commandant QARANC, gave the valediction.

Colonel George Kidston-Montgomerie of Southannan
The Duke of Edinburgh was represented by General Sir Brian Kenny, Governor of the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, at a service of thanksgiving for the life of Colonel George Jardine Kidston-Montgomerie of Southannan held on Tuesday in the Chapel of the Royal Hospital, Chelsea. The Rev Tom Hiney officiated. Mr Hugo Swire and Mr Philip Swire, grandsons, read the lessons. Regimental Collects were read by Major-General Robin Brockbank, 12th Royal Lancers, also representing the Wiltshire Lieutenancy, and Major-General John Strawson, 4th Hussars. Mr Mark Swire, grandson, read from John Bunyan's *Pilgrim's Progress* and Mr Miles Montgomerie, grandson, read a Celtic Benediction. Major Bruce Shand gave an address. Among others present were:

Captain R.A. Montgomerie of Southannan (son), Mr and Mrs Humphrey Swire (son-in-law and daughter), Miss Katheryn Montgomerie, Miss Lucinda Montgomerie, Miss Sophia Swire and Mrs Mark Swire (grandchildren), Mrs Poppy Townsend (sister), Mr John and Lady Juliet Townsend, Mr and Mrs David Backhouse, Miss Margaret Townsend, the Earl and Countess of Eglinton and Winton, Lord and Lady Montgomerie.

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Colonel Sir Charles Lowther, Lady Barlow, Sir Houston and Lady Shaw-Stewart, His Honour Sir Harold Cassel, QC, Sir John Fuller, Sir George and Lady Kennard, Sir John Swire, Sir Adrian Swire, Lady Kenny, Sir Arthur Collins, Field Marshal Sir John Stanier, General Sir John Hackett, Lieutenant-General Sir Robin Carnegie (The Queen's Own Hussars), Mr Michael Colvin, MP, and the Hon Mrs Colvin.

Major-General Richard Barron (Colonel, The Queen's Royal Hussars) with Major David Swann (representing the Commanding Officer); Mr S P Metherell (Queen's Lancashire Regiment), Captain Kenneth Watt (15th Hussars), Major-General G M G Swindells (Colonel, 9th/12th Royal Lancers (Prince of Wales's)), Colonel Rodney Martin (Honorary Colonel, Queen's Own Yeomanry), Colonel Digby Thomson (Inns of Court and City Yeomanry).

Major A W Grant (Sharpshooters Yeomanry Association), Colonel Tom Hall (HM Honourable Corps of Gentlemen-at-Arms), Mr John Wallis (Tedworth Hunt), Mr Jonathan Lucas (Cluttons), Mr Michael Todhunter (Clyde Shipping Company) and Mrs Todhunter, Mr John Martin and Mr Barry Stewart (Grimersta Fishing), Mrs Monica Bidgood (Sarum Road Hospital, Winchester).

Mrs Edward Trafford, Colonel and Mrs John Sutro, Mr Charles Palmer-Tonkinson, Mr C M Mosselmans, Mr Rupert de Zoete, Mrs Sandy Cameron, Mr Andrew Cameron, Major Randle Cooke, Captain Robin Fremantle, Mr David Robertson, Mr and Mrs Hugo Meynell, Mr Ranald Boyle, Mr A J Wright, Mr Mark Shand, Mr J R Moss and Major Thomas St Aubyn.

Mr Leonard Parkin
A memorial service for Mr Leonard Parkin was held yesterday at St Bride's, Fleet Street. Canon John Oates officiated. Mr Sandy Gall and Miss Carol Barnes read the lessons. Mr Tevor McDonald read *Crossing the Bar* by Alfred Lord Tennyson. Sir David Nicholas and Dr Oliver Dansie gave addresses.

Mr William Le Gallais
A service of thanksgiving for the life of Mr William Le Gallais was held on December 3 at St George's, Hanover Square. The Rev W.M. Atkins, Rector, officiated, assisted by the Rev Huw Chiplin. Mr John Le Gallais, cousin, read the lesson and Sir Peter Crill read *Remember* by Christina Rossetti. Mr Stephen Buckley gave a reflection and Lieutenant-Colonel Charles Le Gallais, brother, gave an address.

Mr Brian Schiele, Miss Rebecca Wexler and Mr Stuart Orford played the *Adagio* from Bach's *Brandenburg Concerto No 6*. The St George's Choir sang *In Paradisum* from Fauré's *Requiem*. Among those present were:

Lady Le Gallais (mother), Mrs Charles Le Gallais (sister-in-law), James and Richard Le Gallais, Mrs John Le Gallais, Mr Andrew Le Gallais, Miss Susan Le Gallais, Mrs Nyall Murphy, Mr and Mrs Digby Murphy, Mrs Barry Hubert, Mr Jeremy Johnson, Lady Crill, Miss Caroline Hastie and Mrs Stephen Buckley together with many friends and colleagues.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr S.P. Dingemans and Miss E.J. Hawkins
The engagement is announced between Simon, elder son of Captain and Mrs Norman Dingemans, of Eartham, West Sussex, and Elizabeth, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Rodney Hawkins, of Hitchin, Hertfordshire.

Mr R.H. Douglas-Pennant and Miss C.M. Fass
The engagement is announced between Rupert, son of the late Mr Henry Douglas-Pennant, and of Mrs Patrick Mitchell, The Deanery, Windsor Castle, and Caroline, daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Fass, Fountainhall Road, Edinburgh.

Mr W.S. Fletcher and Mrs G.A.L. Coles
The engagement is announced between William Sam Fletcher, of Pulvertoft Hall, Gedney, Lincolnshire, son of the late Lieutenant Colonel J.E. Fletcher and of Mrs Jack Fletcher, of Old Hunstanton, Norfolk, and Lulu Coles, of New King's Road, London, SW6, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Carter, of Tydd Manor, Wisbech, Cambridgeshire.

Mr C.E. Gibbs and Miss S.M. Inskip
The engagement is announced between Charles, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Michael Gibbs, of Trefoil, East Horsley, Surrey, and Sarah, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Inskip, of Tostock House, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk.

Captain H.F.M.O. Jodrell and Miss C.R. Phillipps
The engagement is announced between Henry, son of Mr and Mrs Michael Jodrell, of Leigh Court, Shaftesbury, and Christina, daughter of Mr and Mrs Ian Phillipps, of Grange Farm, Rempstone.

Dr J.A. Jones and Dr R.M. Dixon
The engagement is announced between Jonathan, son of Alan and Ruth Jones, of Feckenham, and Ruth, daughter of Hal and Heather Dixon, of Cambridge.

Mr W.D. Myer and Miss S. Bhadra
The engagement is announced between William, younger son of Mr and Mrs A.C. Myer, of Chawleigh, Devon, and Shaoni, daughter of Mr T.K. Bhadra, FRCS, and Mrs Bhadra, of Chelmsford, Essex.

Mr J.K. O'Dowd and Dr C.E. Wain
The engagement is announced between John, elder son of Mr and Mrs Kevin O'Dowd, of Walton-on-Thames, Surrey, and Clare, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Paul Wain, of Weston Favell, Northampton.

Mr D.H. Tuson and Miss V.C. Phillips
The engagement is announced between David, eldest son of Mr and Mrs I.V. Tuson, of Barnham, West Sussex, and Vanessa, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs J.C. Phillips, of Tuckenhay, South Devon.

Mr N.H.F. Wakefield and Miss C.M. Nickerson
The engagement is announced between Neville, son of Mr and Mrs Humfrey Wakefield, of Treskey, Isles of Scilly, and Camilla, daughter of Mr and Mrs David Nickerson, of London, W11.

Mr A.R.W. Wyld and Miss S.C.K. Dudley
The engagement is announced between Anthony, younger son of Mrs E.J. Wyld and the late Colonel E.J. Wyld, of Higher Ansty, Dorset, and Susan, daughter of Mr and Mrs R.E. Dudley, of Manor Fields, Putney Heath, London.

Today's royal engagements

The Queen will visit Leicester Royal Infirmary at 11.30; will visit De Montfort University at 12.30; and will visit Avalon Community Education Project at 3.20.

The Prince of Wales will hold an investiture on behalf of The Queen at Buckingham Palace at 11.00; as President of Business in the Community, will attend an Urban Villages Forum meeting in K Warehouse, Royal Docks, at 1.30; and will attend a fund raising inauguration of the Friends of Gdansk Theatre at St James's Palace at 6.30.

The Princess of Wales will present the ABSA awards for business and the arts at the National Theatre at 11.00.

The Princess Royal, as Patron of Victim Support, will chair a meeting of the advisory board at Church House at 10.30; as president of patrons, Crime Concern will address a National Conference "Women's Safety - Everybody's Business" sponsored by Cellnet at BAFTA at 1.45; as Patron of the Citizens' Advice Bureau, will visit the Wandsworth CAB Service at 17 Ram Street at 3.50; and, as President of the Missions to Seamen, will attend a carol concert at Guildhall at 7.20.

The Duke of Kent, as Vice-Chairman of the British Overseas Trade Board, will visit the Roxboro Group at Exning Road, Newmarket, at 11.05; will visit Pauls Malt, Eastern Way, Bury St Edmunds at 12.05; and will visit Otley College of Agriculture and Horticulture, Ipswich, at 2.00. Later, as President of the Royal Choral Society, will attend a Classic FM Charitable Trust Music to the Ear concert at St Paul's Cathedral at 6.50 and a dinner afterwards at the Baring Foundation, Bishopsgate, at 9.00.

The Duchess of Kent, as president, will attend the Congregation of Awards ceremony at the Royal Northern College of Music, Manchester, at 12.30 and will attend a concert at the college at 7.20.

Luncheon

Prime Minister
Prince and Princess Michael of Kent were present at a luncheon given yesterday at 10 Downing Street by the Prime Minister and Mrs Major in honour of Mr and Mrs Mikhail Gorbachev. The other guests were:

The Ambassador of the Russian Federation and Mrs Pankina, Mr Pavel Palashchenko, Sir Rodric and Lady Braithwaite and Mr Roderic Lyne.

Birthdays today

Mrs Beverly Anderson, education consultant and broadcaster, 53; Miss Joan Armatrading, singer, 43; Viscount Bearsted, 82; Sir Nicholas Bonsor, MP, 51; Mr Billy Bremner, footballer, 51; Sir John Burgh, president, Trinity College, Oxford, 68; Dame Whina Cooper, Maori land rights leader, 98; Professor D.A. Currie, economist, 47; Mr Mervyn Davies, rugby player, 47; Dame Judi Dench, actress, 59; Mr Kirk Douglas, actor, 77; Mr Douglas Fairbanks, Jr, actor, 84; Judge Dawn Freedman, 51; Mr Benny Green, musician, writer and broadcaster, 66; Mr F.G. Hankins, former chairman, Fitch Lovell, 67; Mr Robert Hawke, former Prime Minister of Australia, 64; Professor Gabriel Horn, master, Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge, 66; Dr Lionel Kopelowitz, former president, Board of Deputies of British Jews, 67; Dame Elisabeth Legge-Schwarzkopf, opera singer, 78; Lord Justice Mann, 63; Lord Morris, 56; Miss Isobel Poole, Sheriff of the Lothian and Borders and Edinburgh, 52; Lord Rees, QC, 67; Miss Rita Stephen, trades unionist, 68; Miss Joanna Trollope, author, 50.

Dinners

British Council of Shopping Centres
The Duke of Gloucester was the principal speaker and presented the Shopping Centre of the Year Award for 1993 at the 10th Annual Dinner of British Council of Shopping Centres held last night at the London Hilton on Park Lane. Mr Vincent O'Doherty, President, was host. Other official guests and members of the top table were:

Mr Martin Bradshaw, Mr Stephen Burman, Mr John Chambers, Mr Harold Couch, Sir Brian Goswell, Mr Leonard Jarrad, Mr Roger Groom, Ms Georgina James, Mr John Leonard, Mr Clive Lewis, Mr Roger Lucas, Mr Julian Markham, Mr Ian Northen, Mr Peter Spawforth, Mr Peter Spriddell, Mrs Mary Tull, Mr David Veness and Mr Richard Wright.

Canning House
Viscount Montgomery of Alamein, President of Canning House, was host last night at a dinner held at the Naval and Military Club in honour of Ambassador Fernando Petrella, Deputy Foreign Minister of Argentina. The Ambassador of Argentina was present.

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BARTLETT - On November 28th at Simpson Memorial Maternity Pavilion, Edinburgh, to Marie and Tim, a daughter, Daisy.

BROWN - On December 6th, to Crecy (née den Hollander) and Jeremy, a daughter, Fenna Elizabeth den Hollander, a sister for Fraser.

COLLINS - On 2nd December, to Penny and Brian, a daughter, Holly, a sister for Jack.

EVERY - James and Caroline (née Mallett) are happy to announce the birth of Elizabeth Joanna and Alexandra Margaret on Thursday 18th November.

FEROZE - Born December 4th to Alisa (née Macalister) and Jonathan, a daughter, Georgina Diana.

LAKHANI - On November 26th at the Wellington Hospital, to Janet (née Mitton) and Amyn, a beautiful daughter, Kamilah, a sister for Adam. Grateful thanks to Prof. Craft.

MAKOTO - On December 3rd at the Wellington Hospital, to Mayumi and Ken, a beautiful daughter, Mayaka, a sister for Yulo.

PINNINGTON - On December 8th to Andrea (née Pentney) and Hector, a daughter Natasha Pentney.

RANDALL - On 29th November 1993, to Katherine (née Gray) and Alexander, a son, David John, a brother for Peter.

RODGERS - On November 26th 1993 at The Royal Free Hospital, to Bernadette (née Mullan) and Gavin, a daughter, Florian Louise, a sister to Rachael and Michael.

SPURGEON - To Richard and Caroline (née Dinot), a son, Jamie Oliver Haddon, born 28th November.

BIRTHS

WATSON - On 30th November 1993 at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, London, to Elizabeth (née Dennehy) and Simon, a daughter, Caroline.

YPMA - On December 3rd at The Portland Hospital, to Penny (née Barrey) and Iebe, a lovely son, a brother for Johannes.

DEATHS

ANDRADE - On Wednesday 8th December, peacefully at Barking Hall Nursing Home, Group Captain Trevor John Da Costa, OBE, husband of the late adored Elisabeth, father of William and the late Mary and grandfather of Claudine, Julian and Christopher. Funeral Service at the Parish Church of St Mary, Polstead, on Wednesday 15th December at 2 pm. Family flowers only please but donations may be sent for Polstead Parish Church to W.A. Deacon Funeral Services, High Street, Lavenham CO10 9PY.

BLANDY - On 6th December, peacefully at home, Peter Maret, M.B.E., beloved husband of Anne and much loved father and grandfather. Funeral service on Wednesday, 15th December at 11.30am at St Laurences Church, Reading. Family flowers only please but donations to the Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund c/o Blandy & Blandy, 1 Friar Street, Reading RG1 1DA.

BROWN - Peacefully on 5th December, Professor James Brown, Petroleum Engineer, aged 72. Service at Glasgow Crematorium, Maryhill, at 12 noon on Monday 13th December. Family flowers only, donations if desired to The Commando Association, PO Box 1544, Clacton-on-Sea, Essex CO16 7HT.

DEATHS

CANNING - John. Artist, sportsman, raconteur, gentleman, husband and father. Elan full until the end. The world is a poorer place since Saturday 4th December. Cremation Oxford 11 am, 11th December. No flowers please. Donations to Katharine House Hospice c/o M Humphris, Albert Street, Banbury.

COBB - On 7th December, peacefully at Seaford, Elisabeth Angelette (Woggie) widow of the late Commander Gerald Cobb R.N. (Rtd.) and of the late Harry Leggatt. Much loved mother of Peter and Judy and stepmother to Dudley, Hugh and Priscilla and to David and Peter. Family cremation. No flowers by request.

DYMOND - On December 5th, suddenly, Evelyn Mary aged 51, of Exeter, sadly missed by Basil. Funeral Service at Heavitree Parish Church, Exeter, on Monday December 13th at 12.30 pm. Flowers or donations for The British Diabetic Association or British Heart Foundation to Mitchell Funeral Services, King William Street, Exeter, EX4 6PD.

EDEN - Robin, on December 7th, at home after a long illness. Funeral Monday December 13th at 12 noon at St Patricks Catholic Church, Pickwick.

FULLER - Rowland William Bevis, beloved husband of Agnes, and father of Robin and Simon died suddenly but peacefully, aged 88, on Friday, 3rd December. Cremation at Mortlake Crematorium at 2.30 pm on Tuesday, 14th December.

DEATHS

GIBB - On 6th December, at the Royal Marsden Hospital, Sutton, Patricia Mary, beloved wife of Ian, mother of Nicholas and Jeremy and grandmother of Julia. Sadly missed by all the family and friends. Funeral Service will take place at Holy Trinity Church, Leverstock Green, Hemel Hempstead, on Thursday 16th December at 11.30 am followed by private cremation. Donations, in lieu of flowers, if desired to Cancer Research Campaign. Flowers or donations can be sent to J. Worley (Funeral Directors) Ltd., 48 Lawn Lane, Hemel Hempstead. tel: (0442) 253465 where further enquiries can be made.

GRAY - John Magnus C.B.E. peacefully at home, Blairlodge, Dundrum, 8th December 1993. Beloved and loving husband of Patricia, dear father of Belinda and devoted grandfather of Thomas, Freddie and Edward. Funeral Service, St John's Parish Church, Newcastle, County Down, Saturday 11th December at 11 am, followed by private interment. Family flowers only.

HARRIS - John Taylor, peacefully at Fitzwilliam Hospital, Peterborough, on Wednesday December 1st. Greatly respected for his integrity by his colleagues in the Cement Industry in the United Kingdom and Europe. "A gentleman to the end." A family funeral has taken place. No flowers please, donations if desired to the Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund.

DEATHS

HUGHES - On December 4th peacefully at Pelham Nursing Home Folkestone, Lionel James formerly H.M. Inspector of Schools aged 85. Loving husband of the late Marjorie and father of the late Gillian, dearly loved grandfather of Catriona and Fiona. Funeral Service at Hawkinge Crematorium, Folkestone on Monday December 13th at 10 am. Enquiries to Hambrook & Johns 0303 851 088.

KREBS - On 6th December, Ernst Wolfgang, aged 91, peacefully in hospital. Widower of Lottie, father of Peter, grandfather of Susanna and Rebecca, a loving man well respected by his family. Cremation at Croydon Crematorium, Thornton Road, at 11 am on Friday 17th December. Donations to R.N.I.B. Talking Books Service, 224 Great Portland Street, London W1N 6AA.

MASON - Dr. Alan (H.A.C.) died 7th December 1993, peacefully after a short final illness in the Hospital of St John and St Elizabeth. Family funeral. Enquiries and donations for The Commonwealth Fund for the Blind to A. France & Son, 45 Lamb's Conduit Street, London WC1N 3NH, tel. (071) 405-4901.

McLEAN - Passed away 7th December, Robert William Hall (Mac). Beloved husband of Stella and father of Leslie and Brady. Will be dreadfully missed. Funeral Service to take place at St Martin's Parish Church, Ruislip, on Thursday 16th December at 1.30 pm followed by private cremation. All enquiries to H.C. Grimstead Ltd. Funeral Directors tel: (0895) 623000.

MURRAY - On 6th December peacefully at Chegworth Nursing Home Cheam, George Alexander, aged 90, widower of Frances and much loved father, brother, grandfather and great-grandfather. Cremation at Randalls Park Crematorium, Leatherhead on Thursday 16th December at 12 noon. No flowers but donations please to Alzheimers Disease Society of Gordon House, 10 Greencoat Place, London SW1P 1PH or Thorndike Theatre Leatherhead.

NOAKES - Kathleen (Kay) late of Somerton, 156 New Dover Road, Canterbury, Kent, died peacefully on Sunday 5th December 1993, aged 84, a wonderful friend of Mary Edmondson for over 60 years.

PATERSON - On December 3rd 1993, after a brave fight, David, beloved husband of Frances. Funeral Service at All Saints Church, Blackheath, on Friday December 10th at 10 am. Flowers to Francis Chappell and Sons, 4 Lee High Road, London SE13.

REEVE - On 7th December, peacefully at home after a short illness, Sir Trevor, aged 78. Much loved husband of the late Marjorie and dear brother-in-law of Pat. Will be sadly missed. A funeral service will take place at St Philips Church, Earls Court Road, London W8, at 11.45 am Wednesday 15th December, followed by cremation at Putney Vale Crematorium at 1 pm. Flowers and enquiries to J.H. Kenyon, 49 Marloes Road, Kensington, London W8. (071-937 0757).

SHELLEY - On December 6th 1993 peacefully after a long illness, at Halebourne Nursing Home, Chobham, Ursula Shelley F.R.C.P. Former Consultant Paediatrician at The Royal Free and Queen Elizabeth Hospitals. Funeral Service at Woking St Johns Crematorium on Tuesday December 14th at 12.30 pm. Family flowers only.

SISNEY - On December 8th peacefully Lt. Col. Oliver North Deane Sisney D.L. (Charles), late 60th Rifles, aged 93, father of Elay. Funeral Service at All Saints Church, Offord Cluny, on Wednesday 15th December at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only.

van BELLINGHEN - On December 8th 1993, Jean-Paul, Honorary Ambassador of HM The King of the Belgians, and formerly Ambassador of Belgium to the Court of St James's (1984-1990). Funeral Service Friday 10th December at 11 am Abbaye de la Cambre, Brussels, Belgium.

YOUNG - On 7th December 1993 at Kingston, Ontario, Air Vice-Marshal Gordon Young CBE.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

DUFTY - A Memorial Service for Dick (Arthur Richard) Dufty, C.B.E., D.Litt., Hon.V.P.S.A. will be held at St James's Church, Piccadilly, on Wednesday 12th January 1994 at 3.15 pm.

IN MEMORIAM — PRIVATE

FORDHAM - Hugh, December 9th 1987. Kindled by the one True Light that is never extinguished - Clare and the family.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

CAIGER - Mrs Madeleine Caiger wishes to express her warmest thanks to all those who sent messages of sympathy on the recent home-call of her husband, the Reverend John A. Caiger, Pastor of Gunnersbury Baptist Church, Chiswick, West London. So many letters and cards have been received, Mrs Caiger very much regrets that she is unable to answer each one personally.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ON behalf of Salomon Brothers AG I would like to wish everyone a magical Xmas and a happy New Year. Also a special thanks to Karl-Wilhelm Kaiogge for choosing the eight of clubs, regards Howard.

THE Governors of St. Francis Xavier College are pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Bernard Borland MA MA(Ed) to the Principalship of St. Francis Xavier Sixth Form College from April 1 1994. He succeeds Mr. Bryan Snalune MA KSG who is taking up an appointment with the Further Education Inspectorate from January 1 1994.



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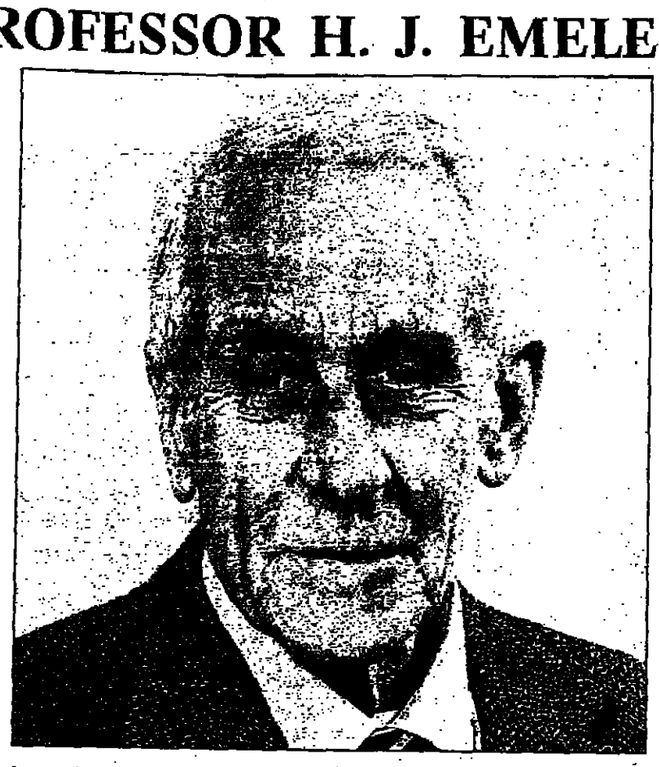
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OBITUARIES

PROFESSOR H. J. EMELEUS

H. J. Emeleus, CBE, FRS, Professor of Inorganic Chemistry, University of Cambridge, 1945-70, died on December 2 aged 90. He was born on June 22, 1903.



IT WAS only last July that Harry Emeleus welcomed visitors from all over the world on the occasion of his 90th birthday. An essentially modest man, he never perhaps realised the affection in which he was held within his own discipline. Certainly with his death the world of chemistry in Britain has lost one of its best-known and best-loved members.

Harry Julius Emeleus was born in Sussex and educated at Hastings Grammar School. His father, Karl Henry Emeleus, a pharmacist, was a member of a Huguenot family that had taken refuge in Finland and later moved to England. Of scientific bent like his brother, Karl George, who read physics at Cambridge and later occupied the chair at Belfast, Harry Emeleus studied chemistry at Imperial College, London, and gained his first degree in 1923. He began research in Professor Baker's laboratory.

At that time inorganic chemistry was dormant in Britain and Emeleus's early researches dealt with the physical chemistry of some luminescent oxidations, including the well-known glow of phosphorus. After gaining his doctorate in 1925 he was awarded an 1851 Senior Studentship and spent the academic year 1927-28 in Germany at Karlsruhe, working under the direction of Professor Alfred Stock. The following year he gained a Commonwealth Fund fellowship, and began two years' research with Professor H. S. Taylor at Princeton. In 1931 he returned to an assistant lectureship at Imperial College.

Emeleus was profoundly influenced by his year in Germany. He was fortunate that he tasted the academic life of German chemistry before it was undermined and virtually destroyed by Nazi tyranny. Inorganic chemistry was very active in Germany and Emeleus acquired both an admiration for German chemistry as a whole and a particular interest in the preparative work that was proving so fruitful in the inorganic area. Years later, after the Second World War, he repaid this debt by his activities in helping resuscitate German science.

When he had settled down again at Imperial College his interests turned from physical to preparative studies, at first dealing with the derivatives of the silicon hydrides. At the same time, in collaboration with J. S. Anderson, later Professor of Inorganic Chemistry at Oxford, he began to write a book *Modern Aspects of Inorganic Chemistry*. Its publication, in 1938, marked the beginning of a renaissance of inorganic chemistry in the English speaking world. The book had a remarkable impact on the subject; it collected and systematised a mass of empirical knowledge and embryonic theories and inspired many scientists to interest themselves in the subject.

As was the case with most of his generation, the Second World War had a considerable influence on his career. During the first two or three years he worked with Professor Briscoe on chemical defence and a variety of other problems, including such diverse topics as incendiary weapons and methods of sabotage. These studies sowed the seeds of another theme which was to distinguish his subsequent research, the chemistry of fluorine.

In 1944 the British Government asked him to undertake a mission to the United States to work at the Oak Ridge laboratory of the Manhattan Project. Later in the same year he was invited to give a course of lectures on inorganic chemistry at Cambridge.

With the end of the war he was appointed Reader in Inorganic Chemistry at Cambridge and elected a fellow of Sidney Sussex College. In the following year, 1946, a personal chair in Inorganic Chemistry was created for him and he was elected a fellow of the Royal Society.

Now began an exceptionally active and productive period. His interests spread widely, generally with a preparative flavour, extending to organometallic compounds, the boron hydrides, non-aqueous solutions and the new and fruitful field of fluorocarbons and their inorganic derivatives.

He was extraordinarily successful in cultivating a school of research students, a high proportion of whom have achieved distinction. At the same time he developed the teaching of inorganic chemistry at Cambridge, building a very strong and well-diversified school.

One of the kindest, gentlest and most patient of men he was singularly well fitted to be a university teacher and to the direct research students. He was almost incapable of serious personal disagreement with his associates, although he could be firm when really necessary. He always admitted that the theoretical approach was not his forte; yet his more or less intuitive approach to chemical problems generally yielded good results and often reached the same conclusions as a more laborious theoretical analysis. His feeling for his subject sometimes approached the uncanny.

Emeleus was universally liked; he was very good company and rather fond of gently pulling other people's legs. His favourite recreation was angling and he once remarked that anglers very seldom require psychiatric treatment.

He was president of the Chemical Society from 1960 to 1962, and of the Royal Institute of Chemistry from 1963 to 1965. He was a good speaker and visited many countries attending academic meetings and lecturing. He received honorary degrees from a number of foreign universities.

Following retirement from his chair in 1975 he returned to experimental research in the laboratory for a number of years. He maintained his interest in chemistry throughout his life.

While at Princeton he married Mary Catharine Horton. She died in 1990. Two sons and two daughters survive him.

EUGENE POWER

Eugene Bertram Power, pioneer of microfilming, died at his home in Ann Arbor, Michigan, on December 6 aged 88. He was born on June 4, 1905.



EUGENE POWER began experimenting with the techniques of microfilming (then in its infancy) and founded his own company in 1938. Contacts with the British Museum, which he had made while in the employ of another firm, soon led to a project to microfilm all the British Museum Library's holdings of books printed in England before 1640, using a camera he had himself invented.

With the outbreak of war, this ensured the preservation of rare material from damage and destruction during the Blitz.

In London from 1942 onwards, he did similar work for other libraries and put his cameras at the service of the Allies for intelligence work of varous kinds. He founded University Microfilms in 1953.

In 1966 he volunteered to lend Magdalene College, Cambridge, £90,000 to help save from export the newly-discovered half of a Caxton manuscript of which Magdalene had owned the remainder since Samuel Pepys bequeathed it to the college with the rest of his library.

Later, Power gave it to the college when sales of a facsimile failed to raise the whole sum. The following year he established an exchange scholarship between the University of Michigan where he went to college (and of which he was a great benefactor and for many years a Regent) and Magdalene, under the terms of which, since 1968, a new graduate of each has spent two years in graduate study at the other (To avoid sex discrimination, New Hall was later added to the scheme.)

In 1976, with the help of Professor Julian P. Boyd of Princeton he raised $400,000 to buy the battlefield of Hastings and present it to the nation. He was appointed honorary KBE in 1977; accustomed to giving rather than to receiving, he was utterly surprised by an honour which he deeply appreciated. He had been an honorary fellow of Magdalene College since 1967.

Power was a man of few words but many deeds, after the pattern of the American mid-Western pioneers.

A rather gruff manner masked a warm, kindly and generous nature, quite devoid of conceit in his many accomplishments, which endeared him to a wide circle of friends.

Severely hampered by Parkinson's disease in his last years, he remained active and indomitably cheerful to the end. He published his autobiography *Edition Of One* in 1980.

His wife Sadye, who had always encouraged him in his philanthropy, died in 1991. He is survived by their only son.

ALFRED SEIDL

Alfred Seidl, the lawyer who defended Rudolf Hess at Nuremberg, died in Munich on November 25 aged 82. He was born on January 30, 1911.

ALFRED SEIDL spent much of his life in litigation on behalf of Rudolf Hess, whose defence counsel he had been at Nuremberg. Following Hess's long imprisonment at Spandau, Seidl became a vigorous spokesman on behalf of the Hess family, and after Hess's mysterious death, helped to fuel neo-Nazi suspicions that the 93-year-old had been "helped along" with his suicide.

Seidl's endless vain attempts in later years to force Hess's release through West German courts never sapped his vitality. Small, wiry and tenacious, with a rapid, high-pitched Bavarian voice, he appeared in old age to be very much the same man as the young lawyer who so infuriated the tribunal at Nuremberg. There his dogged attempts to use the Treaty of Versailles, which he claimed the Germans had signed under duress, as a justification for Nazi aggression were ruled to be irrelevant.

Equally contentious was the use of Seidl's most dramatic piece of evidence, thought to be leaked to him by the Americans. This was a copy of the secret appendix of the Nazi-Soviet pact of 1939 which planned for the division of Poland even before the German invasion, and which was hence deeply embarrassing to the Soviet members of the tribunal who tried to stop him introducing it in evidence. Seidl's final plea, more devoted to old Nazi contentions than to charges against his client, was considerably expurgated by the tribunal.

For once Hess seemed able to drag his attention away from the novels he habitually read in court, though he spent much of his time whispering to neighbours. Sometimes he would follow proceedings with strained attention. On other occasions he would be seized by inexplicable laughter.

German lawyers at Nuremberg accepted their posts from mixed motives. Some regarded it as a lawyer's duty to defend, however repellent the prospect, while others clearly had their hearts in the job. Seidl fell into the latter category. Having fought in the Wehrmacht during the war, he was afterwards snapped up for the Nuremberg trials to defend Hans Frank, once Hitler's personal lawyer and later Governor-General of Poland. Frank, however, was now a Roman Catholic convert and possessed "by a deep sense of guilt" over the Holocaust. He had no intention of defending himself and was duly executed.

Seidl accepted the job of defending Hess with less alacrity. Hess had personally requested him, but Seidl was already defending Frank and did not want to be seen to be poaching clients. The tribunal overruled his scruples, and forced him to accept the job, but with Hess in no fit mental state to take the stand, Seidl had the job of fighting the prosecution charges on his own. His performance was described by a fellow defence counsel at Nuremberg as "very vital, very courageous, not extremely deep". It was insufficient, however, to save Hess who subsequently received a life sentence for instigating aggressive war — a verdict which Seidl refused to recognise as legitimate.

After the Nuremberg trials, Seidl continued as a successful lawyer and in 1958 he took the common step into politics as a member of the Bavarian parliament. By 1972 he was parliamentary leader of the dominant Christian Social Union. In 1974 he became State Secretary in the Bavarian Justice Ministry, and crowned his career in 1977-78, when he was made Bavarian Minister of the Interior.

But his main political impact continued to be as spokesman for Hess's family, particularly in 1987 after Hess had been found hanging by an electric cord in a summer house in the grounds of Spandau. Hess's family believed he had been murdered and demanded a second autopsy. It fell to Seidl to handle the media on this occasion, something he managed with much skill, even after neo-Nazi riots had broken out at the Hess family grave at Wunsiedel.

He never married.



Alfred Seidl preparing to defend Hans Frank and Rudolf Hess at Nuremberg in 1946

JANET MOORES

Janet Moores, house and accommodation manager of the Glyndebourne Opera, 1971-78, died in an accident at Ringmer, East Sussex, on November 27 aged 75. She was born on July 25, 1918.



JOHN CHRISTIE recruited Janet Moores to work at Glyndebourne in 1934, the same year that he founded his opera company and that his wife, Audrey Mildmay, sang Susanna in the company's inaugural production of *The Marriage of Figaro*; it was also the year in which his son George, now Glyndebourne's chairman, was born. Janet Moores's service to the company spanned the whole of its 59-year existence, and the length of her own working life.

Janet Moores, whose parents ran the cycle shop and grocery stores in the nearby village of Ringmer, was 18 when she first went to work as a secretary in the Glyndebourne estate office. Her first senior appointment was as personal assistant to Moran Caplat, then at the height of his powers as general manager; and by 1955 she occupied so central a role in Glyndebourne's friendly, tight-knit community that Osbert Lancaster, designing his sets for *Falstaff*, took her as the model for the portrait of Queen Elizabeth I that hung in the gallery of Ford's house.

Her absolute competence, both up front and behind the scenes, was widely acclaimed. So were the warm simplicity of her manner — she was a Yorkshirewoman to the tips of her fine auburn hair — and the close rapport which she established with both the stars and the supporting casts and orchestras alike over the succeeding seasons. All of them came to rely on her totally for the comfort of their off-stage lives.

It is a sad irony that she will not be there to celebrate next year's opening of the new opera house. She will be in spirit.

THE REV DR W. DAVID STACEY

The Rev Dr W. David Stacey, Methodist minister and biblical scholar, died from cancer on November 26 aged 70. He was born in Bristol on May 12, 1923.

DAVID STACEY was one of the Methodist Church's most distinguished teachers of theology. After the Second World War, in which he registered as a conscientious objector and worked on the land, he trained for the Methodist ministry at Handsworth College, Birmingham, from 1947 to 1951 and spent the succeeding two years as an assistant tutor while working for an MA at the university. His dissertation, "The Pauline View of Man", was regarded as outstanding and was later published. He was ordained in 1951 and that same year married Baudine Bertrand, a teacher from The Netherlands.

From 1953 to 1958 he was a minister at Eastbourne, where he also enjoyed the opportunity to play rugby, which he loved, becoming a member of the Eastbourne club and having a trial for Sussex. In 1958 he became chaplain of Queen's College, the Methodist public school at Taunton, where again he was able to combine teaching and pastoral work with coaching in rugby and cricket, adding to this Mendip caving and mountain climbing. In 1962 he was called to his Church's theological college at Bristol to teach Old Testament studies



and to give some courses at the university, also working towards a PhD on Old Testament prophetic drama, which again was published.

After nine years in Bristol he became senior lecturer at Hornerton College, Cambridge, and in 1977 also the first chaplain of the newly-formed Robinson College, establishing a precedent as a free churchman in such a post at a college in Cambridge. His first wife died in that year and in the following year he married Morna Hooker, Lady Margaret Professor of Divinity at Cambridge and a fellow of Robinson College.

In the same year, 1978, he was appointed as principal of his old college at Bristol. This involved a great deal of commuting between the two university communities, no doubt facilitated by the shortness of the Cambridge term. He and his wife were, at least, able to travel widely together, especially to America where he was twice visiting professor for a semester at Duke University in North Carolina. Retiring to Cambridge in 1987, he was able to renew his association with Robinson College.

He served for many years on the Faith and Order Committee of the Methodist Church, was its convener from 1975 to 1985 and served as an influential member among the compilers of the 1975 *Methodist Service Book*.

Stacey was no stranger to controversy in which he always displayed great moral courage though the inner cost to him was considerable. He was the highly regarded books editor of *The Epworth Review* from its inception in 1974 until his death.

He wrote several books, chiefly on Old Testament themes, and was at work on the second volume of his commentary on Isaiah when he died.

He loved vigorous exercise and was a rugby referee into his sixties but was diagnosed as having cancer in 1987, fighting courageously against it until death overtook him.

He is survived by his second wife and by two daughters and a son from his first marriage.

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BRITAIN'S ANSWER TO JAPAN

Mr. Churchill, Prime Minister, (Epping, U.) said: As soon as I heard last night that Japan had attacked the United States I felt it necessary that Parliament should immediately be summoned. (Cheers) It is indispensable to our system of Government that Parliament should play its full part in the important acts of State and at all the crucial moments of the war, and I am glad to see that so many members have been able to be in their places despite the shortness of the notice. With the full approval of the nation and of the Empire I pledged the word of Great Britain about a month ago that should the United States be involved in war with Japan the British declaration of war would follow within the hour (Cheers) . . . No one can doubt that every effort to bring about a peaceful solution had been made by the Government of the United States and that immense patience and composure had been shown in the face of the growing Japanese menace. Now that the issue is joined it only remains for the two great democracies to face their task with whatever strength God may give them. (Cheers) We must hold ourselves very fortunate that we were not attacked alone in our period of weakness after Dunkirk or at any time in 1940 before the United States had fully realised the dangers which threatened the whole world, and had made much advance in its military preparation . . . We shall all do our best. It is of the highest importance that there should be no under-rating of the gravity of the new dangers we have to meet. (Cheers) The enemy has attacked with an audacity which may spring from recklessness, but which may also spring from a conviction of strength. The ordeal to which the English-speaking world and our heroic Russian Allies—(Cheers)—are being exposed will certainly be hard, especially at the outset, and will probably be long, yet when we look around us over the sombre panorama of the world we have no reason to doubt the justice of our cause or that our strength and will-power will be sufficient to sustain it. (Cheers) We have at least four-fifths of the population of the globe upon our side, and we are responsible for their safety and their future. In the past we have had a light that flickered, in the present we have a light which flames, and in the future there will be a light which shines over all the land and sea. (Loud and prolonged cheers)

ON THIS DAY

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Winston Churchill was once again called on to combine pugnacity with caution in addressing the nation in this, the second great crisis of the war.

● Waking up Seattle ● Restoring Roman glories ● Tempting the ale enthusiast

Following the stars to Seattle

By David Churchill

WHEN Tom Hanks initiated his long-distance love affair with Meg Ryan in the recent film *Sleepless In Seattle*, he started something else as well: a surge in tourism to the city on America's northwestern seaboard.

"We had three times as many as usual enquiries from holidaymakers when the film first came out," says a spokesman for Seattle Visitors Bureau in London.

The phenomenon of tourists planning their holidays around visiting familiar film locations could help to explain the deeply entrenched positions taken up on both sides of the GATT trade negotiations over America's dominance of the world film and television industry.

Meanwhile some in the travel industry are making the most of the opportunities. The popularity of *Sleepless in Seattle* encouraged Peregor Travel, the specialist American tour operator, to promote weekend breaks to the city for Britons wanting to see the locations used for themselves.

The Tom Hanks movie is not Seattle's only film attraction. Special seven-hour tours are available at $30 per head to visit the locations used in the television series *Twin Peaks* and *Northern Exposure*. Both are selling well, proving that the British love affair with American cinema extends to television.

When the popular BBC1 comedy series *Only Fools And Horses* featured Miami in its Christmas special two years ago, travel agents had a surge in bookings the next day for Florida holidays.

A spokesman for Lunn Poly says: "This often happens after a television programme featuring the States."

In which case the Florida resort of Palm Beach may regret its decision not to host the *Lovejoy* Christmas special this year. Instead, the BBC1 programme's location has been moved from its usual East Anglia to North Carolina. British tour companies in general have been slow to pick up the trend, although there are signs that they are now doing so. Last week, for example, Jetsave started selling *Thelma and Louise* holidays to America's West Coast, emulating the free-wheeling road movie starring Geena Davis and Susan Sarandon. Jetsave's Freedom Of The West Flydrive programme costs from £395 per person for two weeks, including car rental and flight from Heathrow or Manchester to Phoenix or Las Vegas. Hotel vouchers costing £33 per room per night (sleeping four) can be bought in advance.

Although Hollywood is still the centre of the American film industry, most films are now made on location throughout the country. Virtually every state and big city now has a specialist film bureau responsible for wooing movie-makers, and providing facilities for filming. Their success is reflected by the fact that while the original *Gone With The Wind* was shot largely on Hollywood back lots, its sequel, *Scarlet*, is being filmed in authentic southern locations.

To see movies being filmed on the streets of a city can be difficult. Chicago, for example, now claims to be the movie capital of the world, and this year will have earned $110m in revenue from film companies, up from $85m in 1992. Recent hit films such as *The Fugitive* and *Groundhog Day* were both shot in the city.

The Chicago Film Bureau is reluctant though to give out information about new films being shot on location. "The last time we did that we had a crowd of about 5,000 turn up," said a spokesman. The bureau says it might make an exception for British visitors who call ahead on 0101 312 744 6415.

Similarly, fans who want to find out about film shoots in New York will get no help from the mayor's office for films, which specifically does not give this information out. To find details of famous New York locations, the office suggests buying one of several books giving this information from any New York book store.

Visitors to Florida, which attracts over one million Britons a year, should find a more helpful response from the State Tourism Office at 0101 904 487 1462. Many films are now being shot in Florida, especially since the opening of the Universal Studios and Disney/MGM Studios in Orlando has created a pool of specialist film talent.

These two theme parks with studios attached, however, have yet to host a major movie themselves. But they do regularly record television game shows and series in their studios.

The best opportunity for British film fans to watch films being made is at Universal Studios in Hollywood. Major productions are often in progress and these are sign-posted on arrival. Popular television series such as *Columbo* and *Murder She Wrote* are also filmed there.

The studios also offer visitors a tour, which by next year will have run for 30 years, with Disney-style attractions such as *Earthquake* and *Jaws*.

● *Prices for a three-night stay in Seattle with Peregor, flying British Airways, start at £358 until the end of March.*



Seattle, on America's northwest coast, a city which made its mark with visitors through the film starring Tom Hanks and Meg Ryan

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LUFTHANSA (0345 737 747) is offering post-Christmas fares which allow passengers to fly economy class return to Germany for £111 if the booking is made before December 31. Travel must be undertaken between December 27 and March 27 and include a Saturday night stay.

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☐ SIGHTSEEING in Prague for the day costs £165 with Sovereign Cities "Awaydays" programme (0293 599 900), including return flights, a three-hour city tour and guide book. Departures from Heathrow on December 13, 17, and 20. The company is also offering up to £30 off city breaks to nine of its most popular destinations. Reductions apply only on British Airways flights and are valid for departures up to December 12.

☐ SEVEN nights at the Silver Sands Resort, Barbados, on a room-only basis costs £299 with Hayes and Jarvis (081-741 9902), with flights departing from Gatwick on December 15. A week at the newly-opened Ret Grenadian Hotel costs £899 per person on a room-only basis, departing on December 23.

☐ A TWO-NIGHT break in London, York, or Edinburgh costs £17.50 per person, room only, until January 31 with A.T. Mays travel agents. The price is based on two adults sharing a twin room in a two or three-star hotel.

☐ CANADIAN Airlines International (081-667 0666) is offering an upgrade option to Business Class on direct routes from Gatwick and Manchester for £300 return. The promotion is valid with all economy class tickets and the offer runs until March 31 for travel between Gatwick and Calgary, Edmonton and Vancouver on the West Coast and between Manchester and Toronto.

☐ STENA Sealink (0233 622558) is reducing prices by 15 per cent on its self-catering and ski-drive vacations, with discounts of as much as £200 on Christmas and New Year skiing holidays in Austria and France. An eight-night holiday starting on December 18 will cost £70 per person for a self-catering apartment for four in Brides les Bains near Meribel. A package including half-board accommodation in a hotel in the same resort will cost £328.

☐ HYATT International (reservations 071-580-8197) has begun a three-month long promotion in its 36 hotels and resorts in the Asia-Pacific region, with discounts of up to 40 per cent on room rates.

Carthage to get a face-lift

By Liz Gerard

A CASUAL conversation on a tour coach has given birth to a British-led effort to bring the decaying ruins of Carthage to life.

Delegates to the Association of Independent Tour Operators conference in Tunisia last year were so disappointed when they visited the ancient Roman baths of Antoninus Pius that a group of them decided to try to improve the site.

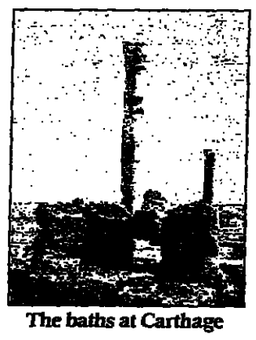
Paul Walshe, a landscape architect who acts as National Heritage adviser to the Countryside Commission, was asked to produce a report on what could be done, and he is now optimistic that the first improvements should be in evidence by next autumn.

The baths, which date from the second century BC and are the biggest outside Rome, are designated a World Heritage site and are seen by half a million visitors a year. But Mr Walshe is alarmed by the failure of the Tunisian authorities to take advantage of such a prime attraction, saying: "Carthage is a brand image with few equals. This makes the disappointment of the reality all the more strongly felt."

His report cites the tumult of the road leading to the site, the local guides' limited knowledge, the almost complete absence of information and interpretation of the archaeological remains, the lack of facilities for tourists — from seats to souvenirs — and the intrusiveness of the armed guards and barbed wire protecting the neighbouring presidential palace.

His list of 12 recommendations includes:

- A new entrance court with an outside display area
- New guide books and maps
- Signs to guide visitors around the site
- Drawings and a model of the baths to show how they looked 22 centuries ago
- A sheltered viewing position to protect tourists from the sun and sudden rain
- Planting of local trees and shrubs such as mimosa, bougainvillea, olive and lemon
- An extended souvenir shop and cafe at the exit



The baths at Carthage

Mr Walshe also suggests that President Ben Ali be asked to consider reviewing his security arrangements so that they are less offensive for visitors. Carthage is already the subject of a Tunisian project to create a national park and as the president was the driving force behind that idea, he could be persuaded.

Mr Walshe's report has now been sent to Cader Chelbi, Tunisia's London-based national tourist officer, Dick Sisman of the environmental tourism group Green Flag International and Justin Fleming of Panorama Holidays, and the four will meet next week to cost the programme. Much of the work will be sponsored by Panorama, which has specialised in Tunisian holidays for ten years.

Mr Sisman expects the next step will be for a small band of volunteers to go out to the site early next year to work with the Tunisians under the auspices of their Agence National du Patrimonie. The first results should be apparent by next autumn, when Mr Walshe aims to get down to supervising the serious planting. He was, however, at pains to emphasise the close Tunisian involvement in the project and said he had no intention of imposing his will on the host country.

Panorama's involvement has been strongly welcomed by Mr Sisman, who hopes that other tour operators will recognise that they can win extra publicity and improve their customers' holidays.

British to the last drop

By Robin Young

BRITISH beer could be an under-appreciated tourist attraction, according to the Campaign for Real Ale (Camra). The campaign's *Good Beer Guide 1994* (£8.99), claims to prove that real ale is the drink of the Nineties and points to 30 new real ale breweries and brew pubs entering the lists this year.

The *Guide* sells more than 50,000 copies a year, despite competition from *The 1994 Good Pub Guide*, edited by Alisdair Aird (£12.99), and *Egon Ronay's Heineken Guide 1994 Pubs and Inns*, published last week at £12.99. Camra also publishes a separate guide to *Good Pub Food*, edited by Susan Nowak (£9.95), and there are numerous local and regional guides to pubs produced by Camra branches.

Beer tourism in Britain, though, is barely out of the pub crawling age. Most drinkers still prepare their own itineraries with little encouragement from the industry beyond promotional "trails" devised by brewers such as Marstons.

Weekend beer breaks are organised by the tourist office in Burton-on-Trent, where there are still five breweries, ranging in size from the huge Bass and Allied plants to the Burton Bridge Inn brewery tap. There are also beer tours available in Sheffield and Dudley. "Interest in beer tends to be greater where there are relatively few other natural attractions," a Camra spokesman commented unkindly.

One travel agency promoting beer tours, Magic Compass (0530-815353), specialises in taking British drinkers to visit breweries and beer festivals abroad.

With beer production in Britain in sharp decline (down 5 per cent this year and 8 per cent last), and most beer-related travel consisting of cross-Channel booze-cruises to bring back large quantities of Continental lager, it may yet not be too late to reassess the tourist appeal of the traditional pub and British beer.

Fear of flying hits clubs

By David Hewson

THE NEXT few weeks are some of the most profitable of the year for Britain's approximately 150 flying clubs, which sell thousands of trial lessons to husbands and wives seeking a novel Christmas gift.

Trial lessons, which start at about £40 for 30 minutes in a two-seat club plane, are an important source of business for an industry hit hard by the recession. However, few of the people buying a trial flight realise that as many as half of the people they are intended for will probably never take a lesson, because they are frightened of flying.

Flying clubs are understandably reluctant to reveal how many of their trial lessons get off the ground, but one large club in the Home Counties admitted privately that, of 300 lessons sold last year, only 90 were flown before the gift certificates expired. Other clubs say the fallout rate is more like 50 per cent.

Whatever the true figure, none of the clubs is happy to lose a single trial flyer, since the first flight is usually the bait that lures the newcomer into starting the £4,000 course to become a private pilot. The truly hooked may go even further. Many of today's airline pilots began with a trial flight at a local flying club and then decided to work for a commercial licence, funding their own training at a cost of tens of thousands of pounds.

For the 50 per cent of trial lesson holders who make it to the airport, one more problem remains: gung-ho flying instructors who see newcomers as fair game for aerobatics. A certain breed of instructor has been trying to make his pupils feel sick since the days of the Royal Flying Corps and is still responsible for leaving newcomers green-faced and reeling after their initiation.

Trial flights in aerobatic biplanes are popular gifts, but a trial flight in a normal club aircraft should be a simple pleasure excursion during which the newcomer is introduced to the controls and feel of a small club plane.

Mr Richard Gyselynck, managing director of Acorne Air Sports, which sells an £89 trial lesson gift pack through newspaper ads and the high street store Argos, says: "I still hear horror stories about instructors who do a loop on a trial lesson. It's disgusting — they are putting people off ever flying again. Our certificates can be used at only 30 flying clubs in the UK with people we know and vet. We won't let people do a loop on their first lesson, even if they ask."

Acorne's gift pack, which includes a flight certificate, log book, training tape and introductory book, should sell in the thousands over the Christmas period, Mr Gyselynck says. Since the flights are taken through a network of different clubs, the organisation has no figures to show how many of the lessons are actually taken.

Mr Geoffrey Boot, a former club chief flying instructor, who sits on the instructors' consultative body, the instructors' committee of the Aircraft Owners' and Pilots' Association, says: "Trial lessons do make good Christmas presents. I've never heard of a serious accident on one."

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The best view of the ski World Cup

● THE PREMIERE Neige, the first major event of the Alpine Ski World Cup, takes place in the French resort of Val d'Isère this weekend with the men's downhill race.
● From there the competition, nicknamed the "White Circus", continues throughout the season both in the Alps and across the Atlantic, with the final total points deciding the winner.
● There are four disciplines: slalom (tight, rhythmical turns); giant slalom (fast turns); super giant slalom (very fast turns); and downhill (90mph turns and 50-metre jumps).
● Although the races will be seen on television, tens of thousands will be able to combine watching the World Cup races from the mountainside with their own skiing holiday.
● MARTIN BELL, Britain's top downhill racer, describes this year's men's downhill circuit — which races are the best to attend and which vantage points to take.

Val d'Isère, France
December 11, 1993
THIS race takes place not on the imposing 1992 Olympic Face de Bellevarde course, but on the old "Oreiller-Killy" course, down to La Daille. The best viewpoint is near the top of the La Daille telecabine. Val d'Isère, linked with Tignes, is one of the world's great ski areas, and the high altitude should ensure sufficient snow.

Val Gardena, Italy
December 18
ONLY the top third of the course, including two big jumps, is open to spectators. The lower part, containing the "camel bumps", on which many skiers have come to grief, follows a narrow run through the trees.

Bormio, Italy
December 29
A QUAINT old town, with a decent-sized ski area. This tough downhill course, which has not been used since 1985, has a huge jump at the start.

Saalbach, Austria,
January 6, 1994
ONE of Austria's largest ski areas, but at relatively low altitude, so it pays to keep an eye on the snow reports. The most thrilling part of the course is the first 500 metres, from the start down to the traverse.

Kitzbühel, Austria
January 15-16
A LARGE, bustling, historic town, where the jet-set of central Europe gather to watch the classic Hahnenkamm race. The downhill course is undoubtedly the most intimidating and dangerous in the world. The top section, with the "mouse trap" and the *Steilhang*, is a sight that every skier should experience. The finish *schuss* is an 85mph "compression" (where G-forces crush racers downwards), and huge crowds line the course. Sunday's slalom is also a big event.

Wengen, Switzerland,
January 22
THE classic Lauberhorn downhill course, which takes about two-and-a-half minutes to traverse, is the longest in the World Cup. Many fatigued legs give way in the final S-bends and the near-vertical finish jump. It was there that Gernot Reinstadler's fatal accident occurred three years ago. The best viewpoint is further up the course, near Wengernalp station, where racers drop off the *Hundschopf* jump, between two cliffs. In contrast to Kitzbuhel, Wengen is a peaceful, car-free village, sharing a ski area with Grindelwald. The railway tunnel up to the Jungfraujoch, through the Eiger, is an engineering wonder.

Chamonix, France
January 29
THE DOWNHILL course, at Les Houches, has not hosted a World Cup race since 1978 and is therefore somewhat of an unknown quantity.

Garmisch, Germany
February 5
THE LAST race before the Olympics will be held at this very low-altitude town, on an extremely fast course. Unless there is exceptional snow cover, there is just limited skiing up on the Zugspitze, via a cable-car with long queues. Perhaps worth a day's excursion from Innsbruck.


ALLSPORT
Kjetil Aamodt is one of the favourites to take the top honours on the Alpine Ski World Cup circuit this year

Aspen, USA
March 5
AFTER the Olympics, the World Cup circuit returns to North America. Aspen has boundless nightlife, and four medium-sized ski areas.

Whistler, Canada
March 12
THIS ski area has the longest vertical drop of North America, and the challenging downhill course produces the best atmosphere.

Vail, USA
March 17
THE LARGEST single ski area in the USA, but the downhill course is comparatively undemanding. The purpose-built village is rather spread out, and lacks the character of Aspen.

● If a race takes place on a Saturday, book your holiday with an operator that uses Sunday transfers. The official training, for two or three days preceding a downhill, often provide a less crowded opportunity to watch the racers at 95 per cent speed. Precise schedules are available from local tourist offices.

Taking a dive with weekend training

BY MARIANNE CURPHEY

SCUBA DIVING on holiday has increased in popularity so much that British diving schools have introduced weekend training courses.

The British Sub-Aqua Club (BSAC) used to require novices to join a local diving club to learn theory and practice over a 12-month period.

In America, however, the Professional Association of Diving Instructors (PADI) has an international network of centres which teach the basics of scuba within five days. In the United Kingdom, diving schools are responding to demand by offering intensive three-day courses.

In America, 4 per cent of the population go diving; in the United Kingdom, the figure is half that, but the numbers are said to be increasing steadily.

Chris Young, the manager and instructor at the Rocky Cove diving school, a BSAC-affiliated centre at Blackheath, near Birmingham, said: "There have been misconceptions about how to train with BSAC, but we are now offering short courses which include classroom work and open water training."

BSAC has more than 61,000 members; the courses offered by Rocky Cove, one of the largest centres in the country, start from £175.

PAT BRYAN, who runs Rocky Cove's sister centre, Stoney Cove, at Stoney Stanton, Leicestershire, is an instructor trained both by BSAC and the California-based PADI. "In the old days, BSAC never charged for training, and you just joined a club and over about a year were taught by other, qualified members," Mr Bryan said.

"Now it has recognised that the same skills can be taught in intensive courses." This year, Stoney Cove has trained 200 divers.

Diving's popularity also has environmental consequences, especially in the delicate ecosystems of coral reefs: in the Cayman Islands, for example, a number of operators are co-operating with a no-gloves policy, in the hope that divers will be dissuaded from touching coral and other delicate marine life.

The sport has become so popular that Stoney Cove is introducing government-sponsored National Vocational Qualifications, which will be recognised as professional diving qualifications both within and outside the leisure industry. Mr Bryan said: "It is a fallacy that diving is a dangerous sport. Millions of people dive around the world and last year there were only 63 deaths."

Kendall McDonald, a spokesman for BSAC, said the cheapest way to learn to dive was still by joining a local branch of his organisation, where you can train to dive from 12 upwards, although divers over 50 have to undergo thorough medicals every year.

"We have streamlined courses so that they take only a matter of days," Mr McDonald said, "and we do not believe this compromises safety in any way.

"Whether you train in a school or join a club depends on how urgent your need to learn to dive is, but at your local branch you pay only the annual membership fee of £20 and do not have to buy your own diving equipment."

BSAC estimates that 23 per cent of divers in this country are female, many having joined within the last five years.

They are obviously not dissuaded by diving's relatively high costs, with the full kit — including wetsuit, tank, jacket and regulator, boots, fins and mask — costing at least £1,000. A basic PADI course costs around £312 and a try-dive £45.

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CAA joins the sell-off queue

BY HARVEY ELLIOTT

THE CIVIL Aviation Authority, Britain's aviation safety watchdog and licensing organisation, is to be broken up and many of its key activities handed over to private companies and a new pan-European regulation body, under government plans being studied by Whitehall.

The first moves towards dismantling the CAA, taken over the last few weeks, came to light only in an obscure reference made by the department of transport in the wake of the Budget.

John MacGregor, the Transport Secretary, said the department was inviting the private sector to design, build and maintain a £200 million new air traffic control centre in Scotland. It was "an important step forward in transferring responsibility for NATS activities to the private sector". He was also "setting up a working group of officials to examine the possibility of going further with a view to transferring NATS operations to the private sector."

NATS stands for National Air Traffic Services and is a joint civil and military organisation responsible for all air traffic in British airspace. After years of financial neglect which brought a public outcry when air traffic control became so over-loaded that flights were routinely delayed, the government authorised an investment programme, now £100 million a year.


Chataway: difficulties

In the Budget run-up, however, the Treasury forced a cut in the total the Transport Department could borrow. This led to a sharp reduction in the CAA's planned expenditure over the next three years with the amount earmarked for 1996-97 being cut by £30 million. "The final settlement agreed with the Department of Transport leaves us with some difficulties," Christopher Chataway, the CAA chairman, admitted.

The Government announced that the air control centre in Scotland would no longer be built with Government money in a further attempt to curb public expenditure.

The logical next step is to privatise all air traffic services and a committee has been set up among Whitehall departments to to report by March on how this can be done.

The plan is fraught with political and legal difficulties. "If NATS were privatised the CAA would still have to be the ultimate safety and economic regulator," Mr Chataway said. "The whole idea may not be possible, however, because the en route control centres are not allowed to make a profit; if they were to be privatised the charging convention within Europe would have to be renegotiated."

Already much of Europe's aviation safety policy, including the certification of new aircraft, has been harmonised though a joint European body. Pressure to hand over total responsibility to one body is certain to intensify.

The moves were condemned by unions representing the 7,000 CAA staff. Joe Magee, national officer of the Institution of Professionals, Managers and Specialists, said: "The UK is a signatory to conventions which bar European countries from making a profit from en-route charges. What then is the basis for privatisation?"

Airlines, for long highly critical of the CAA's complex structure, are backing the privatisation moves. British Airways said: "It would put air traffic control on the same footing as airlines and airports: it would give them access to private capital and help them improve their customer services."

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£5bn sought for alpine rail tunnel

BY TONY ROCCA

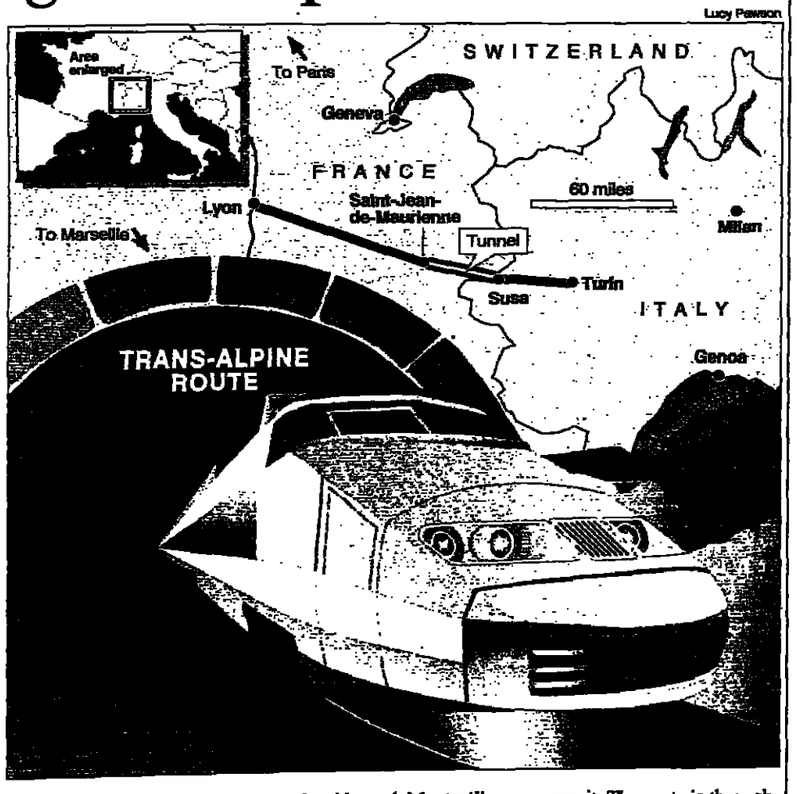
FRANCE and Italy will tomorrow seek European Union funding for a £5 billion project to provide the missing link in the Continent's high-speed train network which will eventually link Edinburgh with Naples.

France regards the trans-alpine route from Lyon to Turin as the key to an expanded TGV train network. Running through some of the most dramatic scenery in Europe, it will shave two and a half hours off today's six-hour train journey from Paris to Turin. Through trains from London could reach Turin in 5hr 23min, against today's 17hr 6min. Rome should be just 9hr 23min away instead of 23hr 49min.

The extension will involve digging a tunnel 34 miles long — even longer than the Channel tunnel — which alone will cost £3.4 billion. Although no date for the completion of the project has been set, work on the tunnel could be finished by 2005, French railway officials said this week.

The line for the French TGV Nord, which will link up with the Channel tunnel, is already advancing rapidly and the green light has also been given to two other new international TGV tracks that will further shrink the European map: the TGV Est to Frankfurt via Strasbourg and the TGV Mediterranée.

By the end of the decade, the existing Mediterranean TGV line will be extended so that 180 mph expresses can run west to the Spanish border via Montpellier and east to Nice through the vineyards of Provence.



The Paris-Nice service now has to travel from Marseilles on line laid in Queen Victoria's time, at limited speeds of 50mph. But it is the Italian connection, serving the rich industrial heartland of Turin and Milan, that is exciting train buffs and politicians.

Signed during the 14th Franco-Italian summit in Rome, the accord provides for final surveys at both ends of the new tunnel: at Susa on the Turin side and Montmélian, near Chambery, on the French.

No completion date has been set but the relationship between France and Italy is good and the project's chances of success seem high.

Transalpine links are being further strengthened in the south-east of France, where plans for a fast road linking Nice to Turin look like coming to fruition after the Rome summit. The route is through the ski resort of Isola 2000 and on via Vinádio and Cuneo. Nice, France's fifth city, used to be annexed to Savoy (whose capital was Turin) and has only been French since a plebiscite in the last century.

The railway connection between Nice and Turin is to be modernised, too. The track climbs to a height of nearly 3,000 ft, a masterpiece of civil engineering.

Charter complaints rise

A SHARP increase in the number of charter passengers who have found themselves over-booked and unable to board their flight, has alarmed the Air Transport User Council.

In a report published today, the council says that it received 109 complaints about over-booking in the year up to the end of September compared with only 80 in the same period last year.

Although the European Community brought in a regulation enforcing minimum standards of denied boarding compensation for scheduled passengers in 1991, the regulation does not apply to charter passengers, says the AUC.

The council feels that the regulation should be extended to cover charter flight passengers and is talking to the CAA and the Department of Transport on how this can be achieved.

Good and bad

BRITAIN is the most expensive destination in Europe for bed and breakfast, according to a new report by the Economist Intelligence Unit.

However, the UK has the best air fare deals and also offers the best value inclusive tour holidays. "It is better to travel from the UK than to travel to it," says the report.

Snow go

ALTHOUGH snow is widely forecast in the Alps this week, it will come too late to save the new season from a poor start. It was simply too cold for snow in November.

Resorts with snow cannons have, however, been able to

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open. Courmayeur's sophisticated electronic system allowed it to open last Thursday in time for the two-day Italian national holiday this week, but Chamonix, on the other side of Mont Blanc, will have to postpone its December 11 opening unless there are heavy falls soon. In Verbier, Switzerland, skiers have to take a bus to reach skiable slopes and even Val Thorens, Europe's highest resort, is running only nine lifts out of 37. A network of snow cannon has saved Austria's St Anton, with skiing only possible on the artificial snow on the lower slopes.

Branching out

CENTER Parcs is to open its third holiday village next July. The new complex, capable of accommodating 2,500 people in 600 self-contained villas, has been built at a cost of £80 million in 400 acres near Longleat in Wiltshire and is already almost half full for its first month.

Now owned by Scottish and Newcastle, Center Parcs helped to push the leisure division's profits up to £42.4 million in the six months to October. The company opened its first village in Sherwood Forest, Nottinghamshire, in 1987 and followed with another in Elveden Forest, Suffolk, in 1989.

Travel News is edited by Harvey Elliott

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NEWS

Church plan to loosen Crown links

■ A growing body in the hierarchy of the Church of England believes the monarch's role as Supreme Governor should be changed on the Prince of Wales's succession.

The Times has learnt that bishops have discussed a range of options with the Queen. The informal talks pre-date the comments by the Ven George Austin, Archdeacon of York, that the Prince is unsuitable to be king..... **Pages 1, 3, 17**

Thatcher admits to secret policy shift

■ Baroness Thatcher conceded that the government did secretly modify its policy governing the export of defence equipment to Iraq. But she dismissed allegations of a conspiracy by ministers and officials to boost arms sales to Iraq, and of trying to cover up their actions after President Saddam Hussein's invasion of Kuwait ..... **Pages 1, 10, 17**

Heath's mission

Sir Edward Heath, the former prime minister, arrived in Baghdad to try to secure the freedom of three Britons..... **Pages 1, 11**

Scare over beef stock

Germany's Federal Health Bureau has urged the Bonn government to stop all imports of British livestock because of the so-called "mad cow disease"..... **Page 1**

Pensions review

Regulators have been forced to act in the face of evidence that hundreds of thousands of people could have been persuaded to transfer into less generous private pensions..... **Pages 1, 23**

Cashless society

Two of Britain's biggest banks are moving towards the cashless society..... **Pages 1, 16, 23**

Hospital reforms

A big expansion of hospital consultants and a cut in the hours of junior doctors was promised by the health minister who said the changes would mean better care for patients..... **Page 2**

Briton killed

A Briton was gunned down by Islamic militants in Algeria in the latest of a spate of attacks against foreigners..... **Page 11**

Heartbroken lover

An unemployed decorator, who had an affair with the wife of the chief executive of a top Regent Street store, drowned himself after she refused to leave her family..... **Page 5**

Car prices enquiry

Car makers face an investigation into controversial pricing policies which mean consumers could be paying £1,000 too much for the average family saloon to subsidise fleet buyers..... **Page 5**

Low musical note

Sales of classical music albums have declined by more than a quarter since 1990's record levels inspired by Luciano Pavarotti and the World Cup..... **Page 6**

Pollution kills

Cities with high levels of air pollution have death rates up to 26 per cent higher than less polluted cities..... **Page 7**

Pupils' law

A government drive to combat poor classroom discipline will urge schools to negotiate rules with pupils..... **Page 8**

Neo-Nazis jailed

A German court imposed the heaviest possible jail sentence on two neo-Nazis for the murder of three Turks in a firebomb attack in northern Germany..... **Page 12**

Delors' new deal

Europe is drifting without a sense of direction and the first phase of monetary union has been a failure, Jacques Delors admitted as he launched his prescriptions for a "new deal"..... **Page 12**

Queen sees de Klerk

One day after South Africa ended 350 years of white minority rule, the Queen had a meeting with President de Klerk..... **Page 13**

Rooster's right to crow upheld

■ A cockerel's right to crow in its farmyard has been upheld by a court and the council that tried to serve a noise abatement order faces a £17,000 bill. Council officials made five pre-dawn visits to a house near Strand Farm, Netherton, West Yorkshire, to record the crowing after complaints from Alan and Margater Stewart, farmer David Stead's neighbours... **Page 7**



Graduates of a Santa Claus University in Berlin assemble in a lecture hall to receive their final instructions before being sent out on their own to spread good cheer during the festive season. The 400 Santas will charge £15 each for a visit to a home

BUSINESS

Pension probe: The watchdog Securities and Investments Board is taking steps to set up compensation schemes to assist people wrongly advised to switch to personal pension schemes..... **Page 23**

Smart card: National Westminster Bank and Midland Bank plan to use "smart card" technology to provide clients with "electronic money" instead of cash..... **Page 23**

Markets: The Stock Exchange closed at a record high, with the FT-SE 100 share index rising 40.1 to 3,277.4, underpinned by a successful gilts auction and renewed optimism over the economy. The £ rose .28 cents to $1.4980 and .78 pfennigs to DM2.5529..... **Page 26**

SPORT

Football: Norwich City went out of the Uefa Cup after a 1-0 defeat in the second leg of their third-round tie against Internazionale in Milan. Norwich, who lost by the same margin in the first leg, allowed Bergkamp to steal a goal two minutes from time..... **Page 44**

Cricket: Mark Lathwell, the 21-year-old opening batsman selected for the England A tour of South Africa after a poor run of Test form against Australia last summer, scored a masterly 133 in a 50-over game at Springs..... **Page 44**

Skiing: The International Ski Federation will consider reducing competitors at men's World Cup events to 50 per race..... **Page 38**

FEATURES

Academy of horror: A tale of jealousy and murder that has sent a shock wave through America's Annapolis Naval Academy..... **Page 14**

Fitzrovia: The Marie Celeste of London's social life..... **Page 14**

BODY AND MIND

Defence system: The spleen, a vital part of the immune system, and the body's defence against infection..... **Page 15**

Medical disorder: Conflict over the commonest operation carried out on children in Britain..... **Page 15**

Scots enquiry: Why are Scots some of the unhealthiest eaters in the Western world?..... **Page 15**

ARTS

Good ghoulish fun: New films this week include *Addams Family Values* — the ghoulish clan putting the boot into the mores of hearth and home — and *American Heart* with Jeff Bridges as a reformed convict trying to keep his son out of trouble..... **Page 33**

Brontë on stage: *Jane Eyre* has come into the West End, in a new stage adaptation by novelist Fay Weldon that weaves not only Charlotte Brontë into the action but Emily and Anne as well... **Page 34**

King's parade: Hail and farewell to Britain's most durable singers: the two remaining founder-members of the King's Singers are quitting the group..... **Page 35**

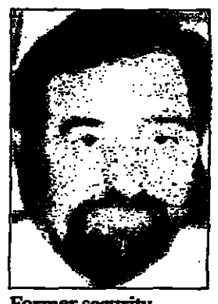
PEOPLE IN THE NEWS



Families of two of the three Britons jailed in Iraq thanked former prime minister Sir Edward Heath, 77, for his role in seeking the mens' freedom
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Winnie Mandela, 58, bounced back into South African politics after being elected president of the ANC's Women's League
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Former security guard "Florida" Phil Wells, 48, once the UK's most wanted man, was found guilty of stealing almost £1 million
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THE TIMES TOMORROW

Four-wheel adventure

■ How one of the strangest Christmas presents of all might leave your vehicle covered in mud, dented and with a broken spring. Vaughan Freeman reports

The Valerie Grove interview

■ The Archdeacon of York, the Ven George Austin, has been at the centre of media attention since he questioned the Prince of Wales's fitness to be King

Not the Nutcracker

■ It's the time of year when every ballet performance seems to star the Sugar Plum Fairy. So how about something a little different for Christmas? Dracula, perhaps? Or Oliver Twist?

TV LISTINGS

Winter closes in on the Antarctic and wildlife has to contend with gales, plummeting temperatures and spreading ice. *Life in the Freezer* (BBC1, 8pm)..... **Page 43**

OPINION

Up before Scott

Yesterday's questioning of Baroness Thatcher at the Scott enquiry showed that the Matrix Churchill affair could only have happened in a country so wedded to secrecy, and in a system with so few checks and balances, as Britain ..... **Page 17**

Russia's choice

If this Sunday's elections in Russia produce a clearcut outcome, it will be because the popular yearning for political stability triumphs over the confusion of a campaign which has offered them an embarrassing richness of choice..... **Page 17**

Pause for applause

Today's ceremony where the Princess of Wales will present the Awards for Business Sponsorship of the Arts is more than just a pat on the back for enlightened chairmen..... **Page 17**

COLUMNS

WILLIAM REES-MOGG

We now have an electronic information society, in which the need for mass employment in factories and offices is falling. We are only beginning to understand what sort of society this mode of production will produce, but it will be very different and is arriving very fast..... **Page 16**

BERNARD LEVIN

When I said that it was a strange but proven truth that every Attorney-General is worse than the one before, you all smiled and said things like "Oh, it's only old Bernard's hyperbole". Did you not think that Sir Patrick Mayhew *must* have ended the line? What do you say now?..... **Page 16**

LETTERS

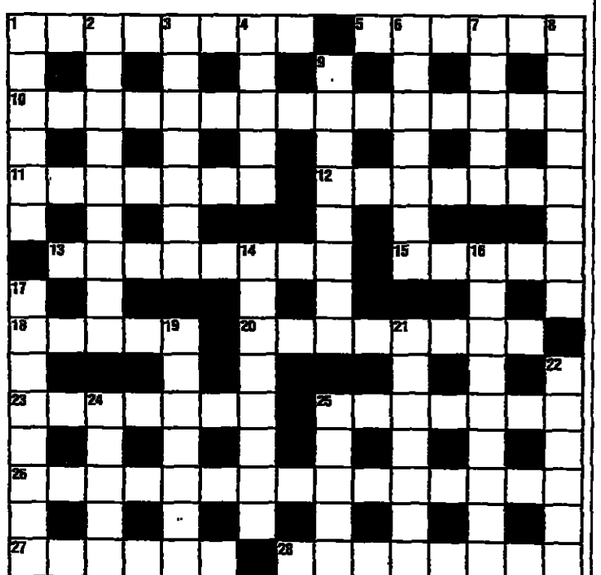
Conflict of views on the suitability of the Prince of Wales..... **Page 17**

THE PAPERS

[In the Gatt negotiations] France is being dragged kicking and screaming into the future. It's quite a scene
— The Wall Street Journal

West Germany showed that its judicial systems could deal firmly with threats from the far left. Why can't a unified Germany deal equally firmly with threats from the far right?
— Los Angeles Times

THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 19,409



ACROSS

1 Her place, they say, is in the retail market (8).
5 Some lofty crag — a rich source of fungus (6).
10 Melodramatic dandy meeting with strong denunciation (5-3-7).
11 Recluse extremely evasive about terms of reference (7).
12 Rule, man-made — Roman, possibly (7).
13 Gentleman running (8).
15 Relation's endless speech (5).
18 Acted like 13, initially conserving his stock here (5).
20 Elected sovereign of the Poles? (3,5).
23 Sweet little dog turned round, gripping doctor in an instant (7).
25 To cut down, first select a mattock (7).
26 Artist contrived to sue a cruel lout (8-7).
27 Solicitor volunteers to go into lack of transport (6).
28 Not pursued, say, for being wanton? (8).

DOWN

1 Legendary sport administrators died for the cause (6).
2 Wheelwright's representative? (9).
3 Union connection of the Ancient Mariner's confidant (7).
4 Criminal who may be paling? (5).
6 Comparatively dejected king stifling an exclamation of surprise (7).
7 Additional clause upheld by the German state (5).
8 Stop a criminal crossing a stream (8).
9 Way a trendy poet portrays a swimmer (5-3).
14 US city representative has a staff to keep up the illumination (4-4).
16 Nearly all of the press accepts "Isaacson's Word-Book" (9).
17 Become more cheerful in a seaside resort, say (8).
19 Asylum nurse? (7).
21 Displaying boorishness unacceptable in a Continental church (7).
22 Deliver to right quarters at the right moment (6).
24 Witty saying about university student found in shed? (5).
25 Tower-like structure unknown in quiet half of the capital (5).

Solution to Puzzle No 19,408

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WEATHER

Scotland will be mostly cloudy with wintry showers in the north and more general rain with snow on hills in central and southern areas. Northern Ireland will be cloudy with rain at first but will soon turn showery. England and Wales will have gales, later moderating from the west. Cloud and rain in the north will gradually filter down the east coast. The west and Wales should have showers which may reach eastern areas. Outlook: rain.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; lg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	13	55	c	Luxor	22	72	s
Akrotiri	19	66	f	Madrid	3	37	lg
Alex'dria	20	68	f	Majorca	15	59	s
Algiers	14	57	s	Malaga	18	64	s
Amst'dm	7	45	r	Malta	19	66	f
Athens	13	55	f	Melb'rne	18	64	f
Bahrain	23	73	s	Mexico C*	18	64	s
Bangkok	27	81	s	Miami*	26	79	c
Barbados*	29	84	f	Milan	6	43	f
Barcelona	13	55	c	Montreal*	2	36	c
Beirut	19	66	f	Moscow	0	32	f
Belgrade	5	41	c	Munich	3	37	f
Berlin	4	39	s	Nairobi	22	72	f
Bermuda*	24	75	f	Naples	15	59	c
Biarritz	13	55	s	N Delhi	20	68	s
Borde'x	11	52	r	N York*	10	50	s
Brussels	6	43	r	Nice	15	59	s
Budapst	0	32	c	Oslo	5	41	r
B Aires*	29	84	s	Paris	6	43	r
Cairo	19	66	s	Peking	6	43	s
Cape Tn	22	72	c	Perth	30	86	c
Chicago*	2	36	f	Prague	0	32	c
Ch'church	9	48	r	Reykjavik	-3	27	s
Cologne	6	43	c	Rhodes	17	63	f
C'phagn	5	41	f	Rio de J	36	97	f
Corfu	16	61	s	Riyadh	25	77	s
Dublin	4	39	s	Rome	16	61	r
Dubrovnik	13	55	s	Salzburg	1	34	r
Faro	17	63	s	S F'isco*	11	52	r
Florence	6	43	r	Santiago*	30	86	s
Frankfurt	3	37	c	Seoul	5	41	s
Funchal	15	59	c	Sing'por	30	86	f
Geneva	5	41	c	Stckholm	5	41	c
Gibraltar	18	64	s	Strasb'rg	4	39	c
Helsinki	3	37	c	Sydney	19	66	d
Hong K	22	72	s	Tangier	15	59	c
Innsbruck	3	37	f	Tenerife	20	68	s
Istanbul	9	48	f	Tokyo	11	52	s
Jeddah	31	88	s	Toronto*	2	36	c
Jo'burg*	27	81	s	Tunis	18	64	s
Karachi	32	90	s	Valencia	15	59	s
L Palmas	21	70	f	Vanc'ver*	5	41	r
Le Toquet	6	48	f	Venice	6	43	r
Lisbon	13	55	f	Vienna	-3	27	lg
Locarno	6	43	f	Warsaw	5	41	s
L Angels*	15	59	s	Wash'ton*	9	48	f
Luxemburg	3	37	r	Zurich	3	37	c

* denotes figures are latest available

LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 12C (54F); min 6pm to 6am, 4C (39F). Humidity: 6pm, 76 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.19in. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, nil. Bar: mean sea level, 6pm, 984.9 millibars, falling 1,000 millibars = 29.53in.

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Monday: Highest day temp: Guernsey, Channel Islands, 11C (52F); lowest day max: Loch Glascarnoch, Highland, 1C (34F); highest rainfall: Buxton, Derbyshire, 1.12in; highest sunshine: Tynemouth, Tyne and Wear, 6hr.

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 11C (52F); min 6pm to 6am, 1C (34F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.45in. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, nil.

GLASGOW

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 4C (39F); min 6pm to 6am, 2C (36F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.76in. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 0.4hr

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	Sun hrs	Rain in	C	F	
Aberdeen	4.8	-	5	41	sunny
Anglesey	4.1	0.37	7	45	sunny
Ariemore	2.5	0.08	1	34	snow
Belfast	1.0	0.16	3	37	snow
Birmingham	5.8	0.09	7	45	sunny
Bognor Regis	3.9	0.51	7	45	bright
Bournemouth	3.5	0.48	9	48	sunny
Bristol	4.4	0.39	8	46	sunny
Buxton	0.1	1.12	3	37	snow
Cardiff	4.1	0.20	7	45	shower
Clacton	3.4	0.13	7	45	sunny
Cromer	3.9	0.15	X	X	sunny
Eastbourne	4.1	0.51	9	48	sunny
Edinburgh	2.8	0.09	4	39	shower
Eskdalemuir	0.4	0.69	2	36	snow
Exmouth	3.4	0.45	8	46	bright
Falmouth	3.6	0.91	9	48	rain
Folkestone	3.1	0.34	9	48	cloudy
Glasgow	0.2	0.28	4	39	shower
Guernsey	-	0.39	11	52	shower
Hastings	4.4	0.33	9	48	sunny
Hunstanton	3.5	0.13	6	43	shower
Jersey	3.1	0.41	10	50	shower
Kinloss	3.4	0.05	4	39	sunny
Leeds	4.7	0.10	6	43	hail
Lerwick	2.8	0.03	3	37	snow
Lidnehampton	3.9	0.52	9	48	bright
Liverpool	3.0	0.77	6	43	hail
London	2.5	0.17	9	48	thundr
Lowestoft	1.7	0.09	7	45	shower
Manchester	2.8	0.73	6	43	thundr
Margate	X	0.30	8	46	rain
Minehead	X	0.47	9	48	hail
Morecambe	2.7	0.53	6	43	hail
Newcastle	4.9	0.35	4	39	sleet
Nottingham	3.6	0.45	5	41	shower
Penzance	2.3	0.80	10	50	shower
Plymouth	3.4	0.53	9	48	shower
Poole	4.9	0.35	9	48	bright
Scarborough	5.5	0.10	5	41	sunny
Scilly Isles	0.4	0.59	10	50	shower
Shanklin	3.7	0.70	8	46	bright
Southend	3.9	-	8	46	bright
Southsea	3.5	0.49	9	48	rain
Stornoway	0.8	0.24	4	39	hail
Swanage	4.6	0.39	9	48	sunny
Teignmouth	3.9	0.31	11	52	bright
Tenby	2.2	0.53	8	46	cloudy
Tiree	0.6	0.35	6	43	hail
Torquay	4.0	0.40	11	52	sunny
Weymouth	2.6	0.31	9	48	bright
Wick	4.1	-	2	36	sunny

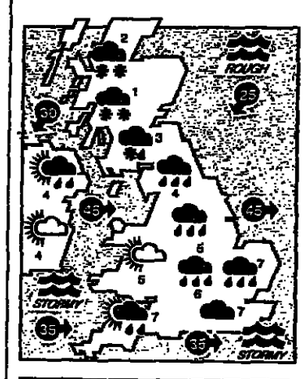
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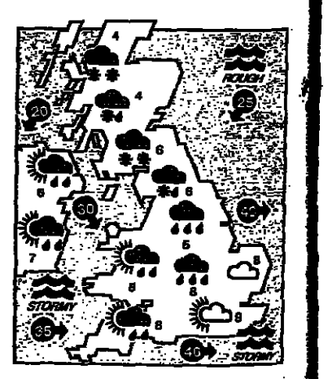
	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.35	2.15
Austria Sch	18.81	17.31
Belgium Fr	56.07	51.67
Canada $	2.060	1.920
Cyprus Cypf	0.790	0.740
Denmark Kr	10.59	09.79
Finland Mrk	9.20	08.40
France Fr	9.18	8.48
Germany Dm	2.68	2.47
Greece Dr	384.50	359.50
Hong Kong $	12.15	11.15
Ireland Pt	1.10	1.02
Italy Lira	2589.00	2434.00
Japan Yen	178.50	159.00
Malta	0.625	0.570
Netherlands Gld	2.982	2.782
Norway Kr	11.60	10.80
Portugal Esc	269.50	251.00
South Africa Rd	5.75	4.85
Spain Pta	216.00	202.00
Sweden Kr	12.96	12.16
Switzerland Fr	2.31	2.13
Turkey Lira	21209.0	20209.0
USA $	1.585	1.455

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques. Rates as at close of trading yesterday.

AM



PM



LIGHTING-UP TIMES

London 3.52 pm to 7.54 am
Bristol 4.02 pm to 8.03 am
Edinburgh 3.39 pm to 8.31 am
Manchester 3.50 pm to 8.13 am
Penzance 4.20 pm to 8.09 am

Sun rises: 7.54 am
Sun sets: 3.52pm
Moon sets 1.10 pm
Moon rises 2.54 am
New Moon December 13

Road Vehicles Lighting Regulations 1989: The hours of darkness are defined in these Regulations as the period between half an hour after sunset and half an hour before sunrise.

YESTERDAY

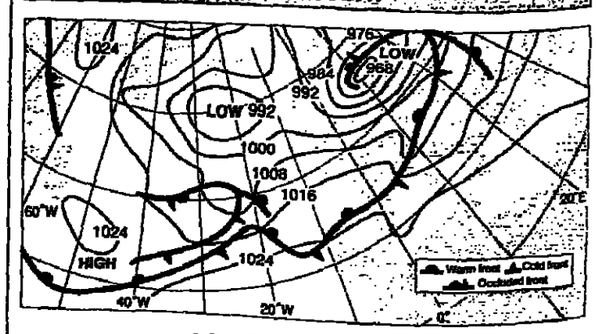
Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	2	36	c	Guernsey	10	50	f
B'mgham	7	45	s	Inverness	2	36	s
Blackpool	6	43	s	Jersey	9	48	f
Bristol	8	46	s	London	8	46	f
Cardiff	7	45	c	M'nchster	5	41	c
Edinburgh	3	37	sl	Newcastle	4	39	s
Glasgow	3	37	sl	R'nldsway	6	43	s

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Avonmouth	2.37	10.9	3.16	11.4	Margate	7.26	4.4	8.18	4.4
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Cardiff	2.22	10.2	2.55	10.6	Newquay	12.47	5.9	1 15	6.1
Devonport	1.08	4.7	1.37	4.9	Oban	1.57	3.2	2.16	3.5
Dover	8.39	6.0	7.16	5.9	Penzance	12.23	4.7	12.51	4.9
Falmouth	12.38	4.5	1.07	4.7	Portland	2.10	1.7	2.16	1.7
Glasgow	8.48	4.5	8.46	4.7	Portsmouth	7.04	4.4	7.30	4.3
Harwich	7.04	3.6	7.57	3.6	Shoreham	6.49	5.6	7.27	5.4
Holyhead	6.15	4.9	6.38	5.1	Southampton	6.48	4.2	7.16	4.0
Hull	1.28	6.5	2.27	6.5	Swansea	1.49	8.0	2.22	8.3
Ilfracombe	1.28	7.7	1.58	8.0	Tees	11.49	4.7		
King's Lynn	1.42	5.7	2.41	5.6	W'ton-on-Nze	7.04	3.7	7.58	3.8
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Market surges despite Bank's caution

BY JANET BUSH
ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

SHARES soared to record highs yesterday, surpassing even their euphoric post-Budget performance, after a surprisingly strong response to the latest auction of British government bonds.

The FT-SE 100 index closed 40.1 points higher, at 3,277.4, and gilts prices, which had surged to what many had thought were unattractively high levels in response to the Budget, also hit new peaks. The British share market, in common with continental European ones, also benefited from hopes of lower interest rates in Germany and from optimism that a Gatt deal can be struck before next week's deadline.

The £3 billion gilts auction was 2.19 times oversubscribed, a much better performance than most professionals had expected.

Investors were not put off by testimony from Eddie George, the Governor of the Bank of England, to the Treasury and Civil Service Select Committee that interest rates would not necessarily have to be cut to offset next year's huge fiscal tightening. In saying that, Mr George countered a widespread assumption among City economists and the Treasury's Seven Wise Men. But he avoided ruling out further base rate cuts if the economy appeared to warrant them. "Wait and see," he said.

Tax increases and spending cuts would have an effect on both consumer confidence and economic activity, but this should be offset by the effects of previous interest rate cuts still to feed through. On balance, Mr George said, he believed the government's growth forecast of 2.5 per cent next year would be met.

However, he echoed Tuesday's comments by Alan Budd, chief economic adviser at the Treasury, that the fiscal squeeze could cause a pause in recovery. He said: "I can well understand that there could be an impact of that kind."

He also acknowledged that, if consumer spending were to fall in response to the tightening, and that had implications for the the medium-term inflation outlook, "it would be that which would determine base rates ... We will be very sensitive in monitoring that".

Mr George was characteristically opaque on the outlook for interest rate cuts but conceded that, because of lower inflation prospects, "there is a limited danger of interest rates having to rise over the next two years". He said "the best guess" was that inflation would not go outside the 1 to 4 per cent target range.

The Treasury says in its monthly monetary report that the economy is continuing to recover, though consumer confidence, measured by surveys, weakened in November. The report notes that the main indicators of actual spending continue to point upwards. The Treasury repeats the view it has held for many months, that inflationary pressures remain subdued.

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Watchdog bites back on pension schemes

BY SARA MCCONNELL, PERSONAL FINANCE CORRESPONDENT

THE Securities and Investments Board, the chief City watchdog, finally admitted yesterday that some people had been wrongly advised to switch from company to personal pension schemes.

The SIB said it was taking steps to set up compensation schemes and planned stringent guidelines to crack down on hard-sell techniques. It has set up a high-level committee to draw up details. Compensation plans could include persuading company schemes to accept members back in, or insisting insurance companies top up members' funds.

Andrew Large, SIB chairman, said: "It is likely that some people — we cannot yet know how many — have been wrongly advised to move from their occupational schemes to alternative personal arrangements."

It is feared hundreds of thousands of people may have lost money by coming out of generous company schemes and into personal pensions offered by life companies, which do not provide the same benefits. Of the 6 million holders of personal pensions, an estimated 500,000 have been advised to come out of company schemes, either by opting out of their existing scheme or taking a transfer value from a previous company scheme.

The new committee looks set to recommend that firms selling personal pensions must be specially authorised. Salesmen are likely to face stricter monitoring.

The new Regulators' Steering Group, chaired by John Young, SIB chief executive, will deliver its recommendations to the SIB on tightening up the selling of personal pensions by the end of next February. By the end of June, it will report on ways of compensating people.

Personal pensions do not usually offer indexed benefits or pensions for dependants and most employers will not contribute to personal pensions. Compensating people for losses of benefits could mean reinstating them in the company scheme, with the life office topping up contributions to restore them to the position they would have been in. If this is not possible, life companies could be asked to guarantee that the personal pension will offer the same benefits as the company scheme would have done. Life offices will review every case.

The SIB is expected to publish a report by KPMG Peat Marwick, the chartered accountant, in the next two weeks. This examines a statistical sample of pension transfers. It is expected to conclude that a significant number of transfers since 1988 constituted bad advice.

Mr Large said: "I want to emphasise that the problem is not about theft of their funds or fraud but I want to remove uncertainty for everyone who has transferred their pension. People whose future pension arrangements have been jeopardised must have a remedy. The issues are complex. Solutions will take careful analysis and planning and a positive response from the financial services industry."

The Association of British Insurers (ABI) said it fully supported the SIB review. Mark Boleat, ABI director general, said: "The review must take account of regulatory requirements at the time policies were taken out. Where bad advice has been given by independent financial advisers, tied representative or pension providers it is important for the individuals concerned and for the future development of the industry that policyholders do not lose out."

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Andrew Large, SIB chairman, plans a crackdown on high-pressure sales techniques

Taylor's parting shot blots copybook

BY SARAH BAGNALL

MARTIN Taylor has spoilt his record less than a month before leaving Courtaulds Textiles to become chief executive at Barclays Bank.

Yesterday, Mr Taylor, chief executive, issued a profits warning, sending the group's shares down 11 per cent, from 543p to 485p. Analysts knocked an average of £7 million off their full-year profit forecasts, settling at about £37 million. This compares with the £39.1 million made last time. The announcement follows September's unveiling of worse than expected interim profits of £13.7 million, down £2.7 million due to recession in continental Europe.

At the time, Mr Taylor said he expected second-half profits to outstrip last year's, with the vital months of October and November showing a strong recovery. About 40 per cent of the group's profits are made in the last three months of the year.

However, last week, the company discovered that the recovery it had hoped for had failed to materialise. November trading figures fell well short of expectations and "we could see that we were not going to match our profit forecast", Mr Taylor said.

The reduction in profits is partly due to an unexpected deterioration in trading in continental Europe, particularly in France, where George Rechs, the ready-to-wear fashion retailer, came under increasing pressure.

Profits have also suffered from severe production problems at a new Aristoc factory. The hosiery factory failed to manufacture efficiently at a time of peak demand.

Mr Taylor said that in spite of the profit warning, the directors are still expecting to recommend an increase in the final dividend.

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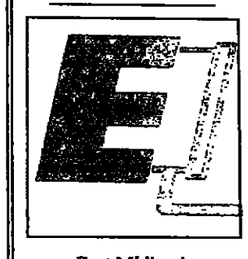
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Smartcard dispenses with cash and saves the banks a bundle

BY PATRICIA TEHAN
BANKING CORRESPONDENT

NATIONAL Westminster Bank and its rival Midland Bank could save hundreds of millions of pounds by replacing cash with an electronic wallet. The two have set up a joint venture to begin offering customers a new plastic "smartcard" called Mondex to be used as a substitute for cash.

The banks have refused to reveal the size of their investment in the service. But estimates are for about £70 million between 1990 to 1995.

Recent figures show the cost to the UK's banks of shifting cash to fill dispensing machines is £4.5 billion a year. Electronic purses would dramatically reduce that figure.

The two banks are working with BT, which is adapting payphones to accept the card and is developing a new phone for use at home so that customers will be able to transfer cash from bank accounts to the cards. Analysts estimate that if the service is successful it could add £100 million a year to BT's revenues by the year 2000 as the group expands into home services.

Yesterday's announcement surprised others in the banking industry as it came just a day after Visa and Mastercard announced that they were working to develop a common chip standard for smartcards. John Hutchinson, managing director of Visa UK, described the Mondex move as "a very interesting experiment". He said that similar moves are afoot in South Africa, Spain, and Denmark.



Mondex: electronic wallet

However, he issued a warning: "We need to make sure that we do not have, like the video world did for a while, three different standards."

Bert Morris, NatWest's deputy chief executive, said NatWest approached Midland to take part in the project because the two had worked well together on cash machines and Switch debit cards. Other UK banks may be invited to participate at a later stage.

The Mondex card will be tested in 1995 in Swindon, where all 40,000 of the banks' customers will be eligible. The partners hope to win customers over from other banks and have all 1,000 or so retailers in Swindon taking part. If Mondex is successful, it will be rolled out to the banks' 11 million customers nationally a year later.

Mondex is a plastic card that stores a cash value electronically on a chip. This card can be updated using cash machines or specially adapted telephones. Customers will also be able to increase the value on their card when they do their shopping in the same way as they are able to ask for cash back when they use a debit card in a supermarket. An electronic wallet will also be available, allowing customers to store cash for transfer to the card, or to transfer cash from one card to another.

Tim Jones, the senior NatWest executive who conceived the idea in March 1990, predicted that in 10 to 15 years time "the telephone will be the dominant way in which electronic money is withdrawn and deposited".

NatWest said it will begin approaching banking parners worldwide next year as part of a plan to establish Mondex as a global cash payments system.

The card is designed to be used by children as young as five years old, while the Mondex partners hope it could be used in the future for such things as paying Government benefits.

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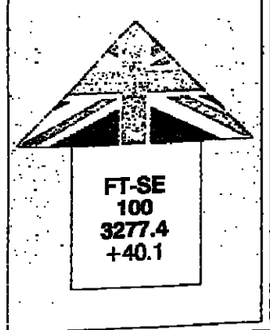
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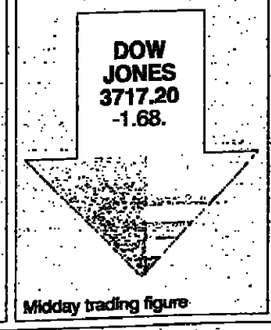
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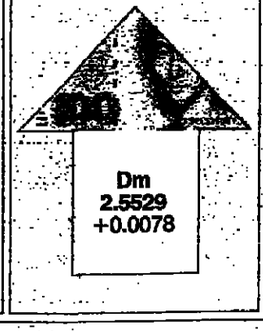
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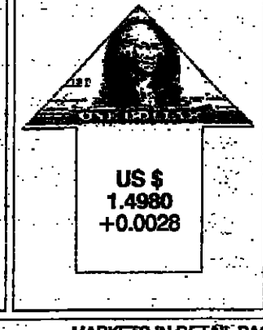




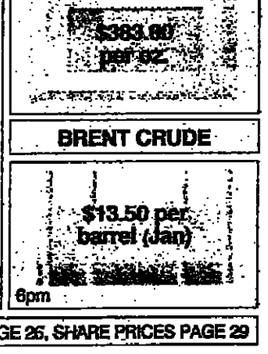
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Receivers poised to shed jobs at Ferranti

BY OUR INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

LARGE-SCALE job losses at Ferranti International, the struggling electronics company, are likely to be announced today by the receivers now running the company.

Unions fear that the first cuts could come at talks they have been called to with the receivers in Manchester this afternoon.

The two administrators from Arthur Andersen, the accountant called in as receiver last week after the withdrawal of a GEC offer for Ferranti, have said that redundancies are "inevitable".

The receivers look likely to opt for job cuts in an attempt to keep the business together while they strive to find a buyer. Ferranti had said job cuts were needed before calling in the receivers.

Union officials were unsure last night about how many of Ferranti's 3,600 jobs might be under threat, and urged the Government to step in, stressing that Ferranti was bidding for about £500 million of defence contracts.

Directors' pay rises 'not large'

BY PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

BRITAIN'S directors are showing restraint in their pay increases, with average rises almost identical to those received generally by employees, a survey of boardroom pay suggests.

Directors' pay rises — especially in some large firms and in the privatised utilities — have prompted controversy, but the Institute of Directors claims, on the basis of its latest survey, that there is generally a close connection between directors' rises and those in the economy overall.

The survey was carried out for the IoD during August and September by the Reward pay group. The results show that median pay rises for directors in the previous 12 months were 3 per cent — which, the institute points out, is broadly in line with rises for clerical staff over the same period and with increases of 2.7 per cent for operatives.

More than half of those questioned received rises of less than 3 per cent, with 24 per cent receiving no pay rise and 2 per cent taking a cut.

Separate evidence compiled by the IoD indicates that over the past two years, pay increases for 27 per cent of institute members have lagged behind the rises their own employees received. Fifty-seven per cent received the same rises, while only 16 per cent received more.

Steve Flather, Reward's managing director, said pressure from shareholders and the media had had an impact on directors' pay.

Peter Morgan, the IoD's director-general, claimed that the survey challenged "generalised and often ill-informed and tendentious comment about directors' pay". He said that "the clear picture which emerges is one of close relativity between pay awards in the boardroom and other levels throughout the company — and of increasing restraint".



Martin Sorrell may be seeking more money for WPP

WPP may raise cash with public flotation

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT IN NEW YORK

WPP, the international advertising agency that raised £85 million through a rights issue this year, is considering raising more money with a public flotation of either its market research operations or its southeast Asia business.

Martin Sorrell, the chief executive, who last month sold 800,000 shares, more than a third of his personal stake in WPP, gave the news to a New York media conference being run this week by the investment bank PaineWebber. He also gave warning that worldwide advertising spending was lagging the economic recovery for the first time.

Mr Sorrell tried to calm fears over his share sales, which WPP said were for personal reasons. He said that he was a big buyer of WPP shares late in 1992 and during the rights issue. His "core" holding of 1.4 million remains unchanged.

The rights issue had eased pressure on WPP to raise cash quickly, he said, but it was still considering issuing some form of dollar-denominated note.

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Xerox to shed further 10,000 jobs worldwide

XEROX Corporation, the biggest name in photocopiers, is cutting 10,000 jobs worldwide in the third major shake-up of its businesses in as many years. Xerox declined to specify where the job cuts and factory closures will come, but says half the jobs will go before the end of next year and the remainder will be shed before 1996. They represent about 10 per cent of the total 97,500 employed in document processing operations.

The shake-up will cost Xerox $700 million and push fourth-quarter and full-year results into the red. Xerox has been trying to reshape itself back to its core document processing business for more than a year. The sale of its financial services arm could wipe out $2 billion of debt. Xerox raised $600 million from investors with a rights issue this summer. The group also announced it is charging $154 million against profits to settle an 1992 anti-trust law suit.

Prospect eyes Far East

THE so-called "tiger economies" of the Far East are a prime expansion target for Prospect Industries, the group that services power stations and builds cooling towers, its chairman said yesterday. Philip Wilbraham said that Prospect had won its third Thai order, and that Malaysia, Singapore and the Philippines offered opportunities. Taxable profit dipped to £4.02 million, from £4.44 million, in the year to end-September. Earnings per share fell to 1.44p (2p). A 0.525p final dividend makes 0.80p (0.75p).

Avon Rubber ahead

AVON Rubber increased pre-tax profits by 17.7 per cent, to £11.01 million, in the year to October 2, though its inflatable boat division slipped into the red. Tony Mitchard, chief executive, said he hoped inflatables, which made losses of £403,000 (£25,000 profit), would be back in profit this year. Tyres benefited from UK recovery, profits rising to £6.4 million (£4.7 million), and automotive components edged ahead to £3.8 million (£3.4 million). Earnings per share increased to 30p (28.5p); the dividend is held at 16.5p.

Sage lifts dividend

SAGE Group, which supplies accounting software for personal computers, lifted pre-tax profits 9 per cent to £9.66 million in the year to September 30. Sage UK increased software sales 23 per cent, pushing UK operating profits from £6.7 million to £8.7 million. Earnings per share increased from 30.9p to 32.5p, and a final dividend of 6.6p makes 9.92p for the year, up 10 per cent. Sage says delayed product launches hit US profits, which were down from £1.8 million to £0.2 million.

TGI profits advance

TGI, the manufacturer of Goodman loudspeakers that saw profits slip by almost a third in the last financial year, said margins are strengthening even though difficult trading conditions persist. In the half year to September 30, pre-tax profits rose to £501,000 from £348,000 and earnings to 2p a share from 1.5p. The interim dividend rises to 0.6p a share from 0.5p. Turnover was £17.3 million, against £16.08 million. Bank borrowings were reduced to £2.5 million on September 30 from £4.7 million a year ago.

BTP payout increases

A 29 per cent surge in interim taxable profits to £13 million (£10.1 million) at BTP, the chemicals and industrial group, was helped by a three-month contribution of £2.1 million from MTM, bought last June. A dividend up 6 per cent to 3.45p (3.25p) is being paid for the six months to September 30. Frank Buckley, chairman, right, said BTP was still cautious, given economic uncertainty, but that the integration of MTM provided some confidence for the future. He said the second half had started satisfactorily, and that the board viewed the year as one of consolidation.



Quayle holding slides

QUAYLE Munro, the Edinburgh financial services company that came to the market in June, has said the value of its residual holding of 1.2 million shares in Shanks & McEwan, the waste management group, has fallen by 45 per cent, or £931,000, since its accounts for the year to June 30. In June, Shanks' shares were worth 170p. Yesterday they fell 1p to 153p. Shanks' share price has slumped this year after it suffered falling profits. Quayle's stake in Shanks has come down from 2 per cent to 0.6 per cent.

News Corp withdraws share plan

BY OUR CITY STAFF

THE News Corporation yesterday announced that it has dropped plans to issue a new class of super-voting shares to fund further expansion. The announcement sent shares in News Corp, ultimate holding company of *The Times*, soaring in Sydney and London.

At the group's annual meeting on October 12, Rupert Murdoch, chairman and chief executive, announced the proposed introduction of the super-voting shares, but said that this would need prompt action by the Australian Stock Exchange to change its rules.

Mr Murdoch said yesterday that, after discussions between Australia's Attorney General and the exchange chairman, it had become clear that definitive action "will not occur for many months". The directors had therefore authorised withdrawal of the proposal. News Corp shares rose 45p, to 484p.

☐ Sam Chisholm, chief executive of BSkyB, of which News Corp holds 50 per cent, has been appointed to the News Corp board. In addition to his BSkyB role, he will head up all News Corp television operations outside the US.

Hanson strikers to vote

FROM PHILIP ROBINSON IN NEW YORK

MINERS who staged a coal strike that is costing Hanson $1 million a day will vote next week on whether to return to work.

Pickets were called off late last month while a tentative agreement was drawn up to settle one of most violent and acrimonious strikes in the industry. Some miners have been on strike since February, but widespread action by 17,500 miners in seven states began seven months ago. The two sides have been in mediation talks since September.

Hanson is America's largest US coal producer, owning Peabody Holdings. Last week the group admitted the strike had lost it £125 million in the year to September 30.

The union claims it has won a good contract with better wages, pensions, health care and working conditions with no "double breasting" — the practice of closing union mines and setting up non-union alternatives. Eight miners await trial after a non-union contractor was shot dead outside a West Virginia mine in July.

☐ ICD's shareholders should block PSB's power play ☐ Why protecting pensions must be the first priority

Tale of the back-door battle for ICD

☐ CORPORATE POWER plays are by no means confined to mega companies, on which torches tend to shine brightly. A Stock Exchange quotation is perceived as a valuable asset, particularly by individuals and firms who, for one reason or another, do not enjoy such a facility. It would appear that John Porter, son of Dame Shirley Porter, and Stephen Morris, a controversial financier, are desirous of a public quote; the chosen vehicle being International Communication & Data, a marketing services enterprise traded on the USM. This is the tangled tale of a battle for a quote — a battle which will be played out at ICD's AGM/EGM scheduled for 11 am at the Barbican Centre today.

Enter, back in September, PSB Group, a private enterprise in which director Stephen Morris is a major shareholder and his associate, John Porter, holds a 5 per cent stake. In a complex deal (involving vendors Nigel Balcombe, ICD's former chairman, and John Apthorp, a former director) PSB, its subsidiary Renaissance and an associate, Themecast, acquired some 1.75 per cent of ICD's equity. Straightforward enough but PSB also acquired the "voting rights" over a further 20.68 per cent stake for six months, along with an option to purchase up to 13.2 per cent of such shares at 14p — up to end-February 1994.

A rumble with the Takeover Panel over the 15 per cent "substantial acquisition" rules was swiftly resolved, all of which meant that, for an outlay of just £100,000, the PSB camp held sway over some 22½ per cent of ICD's equity. A well-sprung springboard by any standards.

The City knew more about Morris than it did about PSB. Morris made headlines in 1989 when Orbital Communications, a cellular phone enterprise he founded, cancelled plans for a Third Market float after "adverse press comment". Such comment included the fact that Morris had been a salesman at LHW, the commodity and financial futures firm whose investment style, for want of a better phrase, provoked a storm of controversy in the late Eighties, not least among those investors who suffered not insignificant losses.

In the event, LHW was refused authorisation under the Financial Services Act. In autumn 1991, Fimbra, the financial regulator, ordered the suspension of trading at Lancashire & Yorkshire Portfolio Management, a share trading enterprise with which Morris, via a private company, Startscale, was associated. Morris, who resigned from Startscale in October 1991, has always stressed that he played no part in the day to day running of Lancashire & Yorkshire.

Orbital subsequently reemerged, under the chairmanship of Morris, as Newgate Communications, an unlisted public company in which Porter is understood to hold a 50 per cent plus stake. Newgate suffered a pre-tax loss of £1 million on a turnover of close on £5 million in 1990-1, the loss, on similar turnover, falling to £497,000 for 1991-2. Morris predicts 1993-4 profits of £600,000.

Enter Jonathan Self, PSB's deputy chairman, who sold his direct response agency, Self Direct, to marketing services group KLP in 1989. Self requested ICD board representation for PSB, a request refused by David Cicurel, ICD's chairman, who had already rebuffed overtures from Morris. Self claimed Cicurel informed him that talks, which might have led to an



advertising agency mounting a reverse takeover of ICD, had broken down. Cicurel categorically denied making any such statement and insists that discussions are still continuing. In his words: "We have received several approaches."

The inevitable happened. PSB's camp requisitioned today's EGM which calls for the removal of Cicurel along with Ralph Elman, finance director, and Daniel Unger, a non-executive director. PSB's plea is that chairman Robin Kingsland and Self should join ICD's board with Porter as a non-executive.

A casual observer might assume that ICD represents an exceedingly good thing. Conceivably so, but this is not readily discernible from ICD's 15-month figures to May 31 last, heralding a loss of £4.8 million, after exceptional write-offs of more than £4 million. Cicurel, who joined ICD a year ago, claims "cash profitability" has now been restored.

During the run-up to today's shenanigans, heavy flak has flown, culminating in Cicurel issuing a writ claiming damages for libel against Kingsland and PSB. The latter quaintly retorts that its statements are "carefully checked" before being issued.

But yesterday, on the eve of the Barbican battle, Cicurel did more than issue a writ. IMC Industries, which he also chairs, exercised its option to subscribe for close on 7 million shares, representing 10.7 per cent of ICD's equity. In view of the fact that parties, including IMC's adviser Dawnay Day, holding a further 28.27 per cent of ICD's equity, are deemed to be acting in concert with IMC in opposition to the PSB camp, IMC, via its offshoot, Tinwell, has been forced to launch a mandatory takeover bid: the terms being 9.5p cash compared to a current quote of 12p. With PSB claiming proxies of close on 40 per cent, today's voting will prove close but Cicurel would appear to have the edge — as most certainly does his argument against back door control. Why should control pass to the Morris/Porter camp on the back of a £200,000/£250,000 investment in a 3.2 per cent stake, now diluted to 2.87 per cent? If PSB wants control of ICD, it should launch an outright bid. Shareholders should support the board.

Regulator off the rails

☐ IT SEEMS passing strange that it has taken the Securities and Investment Board seven years to realise that double-glazing salesmen do not adapt well to the selling of pensions.

What we have here is a classic case of a hazily defined government policy that has run straight into a brick wall once out in the real world. You do not have to be an expert in demographics to realise that those under the age of 40 would do well not to rely too heavily on their state pensions to support them in their old age, and this is one concept, however unpopular, that ministers have rightly been doing their best to prod into the public view. But pity the poor citizen who, in response to exhortations to stand on his or her two feet, decides to enter the pension jungle, an arena where only the fleet of foot survive and there are too many experienced predators ranged against the amateur buyer.

The SIB concern is understandable, given the headline cases that have seen even well-established names in the industry fined. How much worse are things at the other end of the industry? Andrew Large has conceded that the SIB so far has proven extremely lax in its policing, high-profile prosecutions notwithstanding — hardly something that will help those half a million who have opted out of company schemes to sleep easily in their beds. He points out, fairly enough, that he was not there from the onset.

The SIB's pronouncement has sparked the usual protests against self-regulation from the Opposition benches. Guidelines for the future must be out by February, and the whole field surveyed by June. The pensions industry has a hard task before it to answer those protests, and a tight deadline in which to do it.

NFC issue aims to clear debt and hasten expansion

BY NEIL BENNETT

NFC, the transport group, is launching a £263 million rights issue to clear its debts and speed up its expansion into an international distribution services business.

The fund-raising follows a strategic review by Peter Sherlock, the new chief executive, in which he has decided to concentrate on the group's high-margin logistics business in Europe and America. The cash will allow the group to build up its distribution network organically and look for acquisitions.

Mr Sherlock said the world market for distribution is worth more than £100 billion a year and NFC had an enormous opportunity to expand its share. "Our low equity base before this issue could have constrained us fulfilling our opportunities. This has given us the flexibility to respond to the challenge," he said. NFC wants to handle all the distribution needs of big retailers and multi-national companies on a global scale.

Mr Sherlock also revealed that he is thinking of selling or even closing Lynx, NFC's parcel delivery service, which lost £10.1 million in the year to September 30. "The business is in intensive care. There is a new management team in place and they have made considerable progress, but it is still not profitable. We must keep all our options open."

The losses from Lynx marred NFC's figures for the year to September 30. Pre-tax profits rose 17 per cent to £105 million, but this included a £54.8 million profit from disposals and a £45 million restructuring charge. Without these, profits would have only risen 11 per cent, despite a 39 per cent gain at Exel, the group's high-margin logistics business. The dividend for the year is being increased by 7 per cent to 7p.

NFC is offering shareholders one share for every four at 195p each. The group is also using the issue as an opportunity to persuade its 11,000 overseas employees to buy shares, to bring them into line with the British workforce, in which 85 per cent are shareholders. In an unusual move, Barclays de Zoete Wedd is offering small shareholders 14p a share for their nil-paid rights. NFC has set up an Employee Share Ownership Plan to buy £15 million of these shares, which will eventually be handed out to overseas employees as part of a profit-sharing agreement.

After the rights issue, NFC will have net cash of £89 million. Mr Sherlock said that the money will allow the group to look at larger acquisitions than before, worth up to £100 million. He particularly wants to find removals businesses in Germany and Japan to complete the group's international network of moving services, which will eventually trade under the umbrella name of Allied, although Pickfords will still be the main brand for Britain and the Commonwealth.

Mr Sherlock is also planning to merge the distribution business of Exel and BRS in Britain, which until now have traded alongside each other. This will leave BRS as a lower-margin truck rental business. The costs of this and the rest of the reorganisation will be covered by the £45 million provisions.


PETER TRIEVNOR

Peter Sherlock says NFC is ready for the world challenge

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Party time at Spring Ram

BY MARTIN FLANAGAN

DIRECTORS of Spring Ram, the troubled kitchens and bathrooms group that has seen significant trading losses and boardroom bloodletting in recent times, will be able to take their minds off things tomorrow.

Ten directors and their partners are to have dinner at the Hotel Conrad, London's only all-suite hotel, in that haven of the stars and royalty, Chelsea Harbour.

The party will include Roger Regan, the new chairman, who joined the board four months ago after pressure from disgruntled institutional investors concerned over losses of £36 million in the half-year to July. Since Mr Regan's appointment, 21 senior personnel have left the company, including Bill Rooney, the former chief executive and founder, Ron Farr, chief executive of special products, and David Riley, chief executive of the bathrooms division.

Mr Regan said he did not feel tomorrow night's festivities were untypical of a British company in the Christmas season, although there is some speculation that leading lenders to the group, such as the Royal Bank of Scotland, may have a somewhat different perspective.

Alluding to the choice of venue, Mr Regan said: "We have got to get together and settle down, and people are coming from various places."

The chairman added that following the disruption at Spring Ram — which has included three profit warnings in eight months and the replacement of both its broker and auditor — it was necessary to "get them [the remaining directors] to smile", and effectively draw a line under the troubled past.

Sources close to the company also understand that Spring Ram plans a management strategy meeting at an exotic location in the new year. It is believed wives and partners would also be in attendance.

Mr Regan indicated that management would meet, but said no decision had been taken on a venue. It is understood he will spend some time in Florida, where he has a holiday home, over the holiday break.

Other events in a hectic period for Spring Ram have included the revelation in November last year that it was to take a £3.5 million exceptional charge as a result of "serious misrepresentation and false accounting" at its Balterley Bathrooms subsidiary. Embarrassingly, the irregularities were made public in Spring Ram's offer document in its agreed bid for Stag Furniture.

That disclosure triggered a 43p fall in the shares to 113p. Yesterday the shares closed at 54.5p, unchanged on the day.

Asprey's margins feel pinch

DIFFICULT trading conditions and competitive pressures again took their toll on margins at Asprey, the jewellery and watch retailer (Sarah Bagnall writes). Turnover in the six months to end-September rose 45 per cent to £87.4 million but pre-tax profits were only 9.5 per cent higher at £12.2 million. Naim Attallah, chairman, said the erosion of margins partly reflected expansion into lower margin products.

Asprey's sales were up 30 per cent, Garrard's 18 per cent and Mappin & Webb's 24 per cent. The group's results are weighted towards the second half and Mr Attallah said he expected a good Christmas. The interim dividend rises from 1.1p to 1.25p.

Allders ahead of forecast

ALLDERS, the duty-free shopping and department store group that came to the market in a £175 million flotation in October, made pro forma pre-tax profits of £13.3 million in the year to September 30, marginally ahead of its October forecast of £13.2 million (Carl Mortished writes).

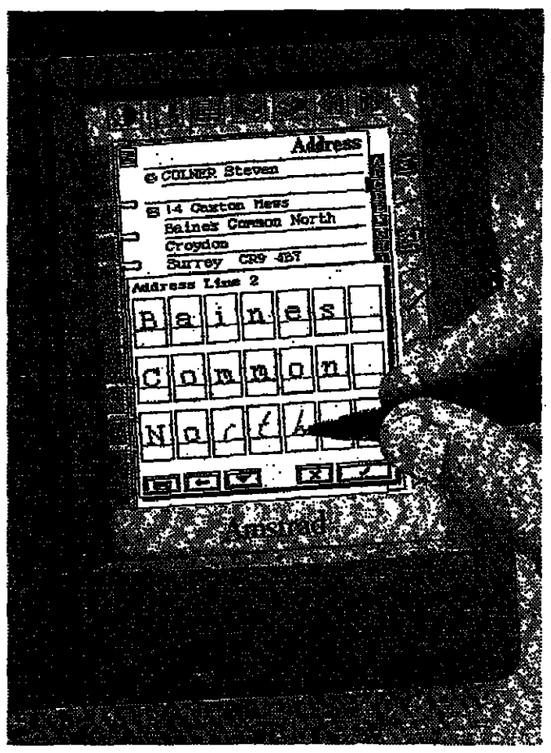
The pro forma profit includes a notional interest benefit of £7 million, assuming that the £75 million raised by Allders on flotation had been available for a full year. Operating profits were £23 million for the period, 52 per cent up on 1992, and earnings per share were 13.9p, ahead of the 13.7p estimate.

The company is not paying a dividend for the past year.

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Bulls triumph in two-way tussle for Rank Organisation

STOCK MARKET

A TWO-WAY pull developed in shares of **Rank Organisation**. The price touched 884p before rallying strongly to close 10p up at 914p, with the bulls gaining the upper hand in hectic trading which saw almost 3 million shares change hands.

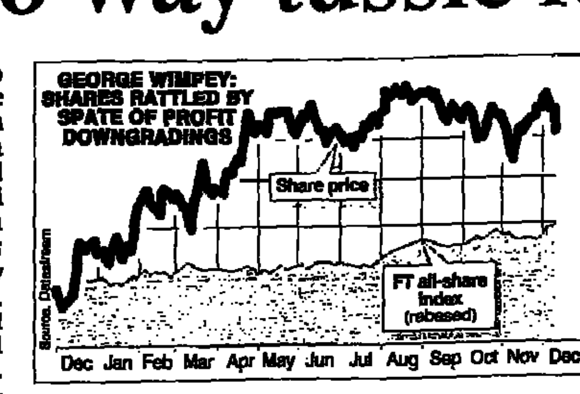
Henderson Crosthwaite, the broker, led the buyers after making Rank Organisation its nap for 1994. Henderson yesterday published a strong buy note, forecasting earnings growth of more than 20 per cent per annum as the benefits of the group's heavy capital expenditure programme start to filter through.

Rank has also attracted the attention of rival broker Kleinwort Benson, which came out with a 44-page circular urging clients to buy. But this was not enough to prevent the shares sliding midway through the day after Xerox Corporation in the US announced details of a major rationalisation programme expected to cost $700 million.

The setback proved short-lived, with the bulls claiming that the move was a deck-clearing operation which would pave the way for it to buy Rank's near-50 per cent stake in Rank Xerox.

Meanwhile, the rest of the equity market surged to another all-time high as the bears found themselves again being squeezed. Hopes that a solution to the Gatt world trade talks is imminent and talk of an cut in German interest rates at today's Bundesbank meeting, saw prices close near their best. The FT-SE 100 index ended 40.1 points up at 3,277.4 as 821 million shares were traded. The banks, insurance companies, and utilities were all wanted for their yields, with stock shortages exaggerating many movements. The absence of sellers would suggest the bull market may still have further to run.

Marks and Spencer fell 2½p to 451½p, with a large



line of stock overhanging the market. Almost 10 million shares had been traded by the close. **BTR** firmed 1p to 345p despite a sell note from Credit Lyonnais Laing which claims the company is paying top dollar for Rexmord. Laing warns that further profit downgrades are on the way and says the rising level of new shares being issued makes the price look expensive. **Great Portland Estates** rose 4p to 229p. Chairman Richard Peskin has sold a quarter of his shareholding for £1.7 million. Cazenove placed them at 225p. He continues to hold 2.1 million shares.

George Wimpey, the builder, fell 11p to 165p after Cazenove, the company's own broker, cut its profits estimate. Goldman Sachs, the US securities house, is also said to have turned bearish. Goldman Sachs had a busy time of it with Sears, the Selfridges and Saxone stores group. The price ended unchanged at 128p as a large line of stock went through the market. Goldman placed a total of 7.4 million shares with various institutions at 124p each.

Courtaulds Textiles tumbled 54p to 489p on the back of a profits warning. **NFC**, the road transport group, rallied 13p to 247p after it confirmed speculation about a rights issue to raise £263 million.

Shares of USM-quoted **Hoskins Brewery** were suspended at 78p as it continued negotiations for the acquisition of Ronson, the lighter company. Hoskins is also in bid talks with LGW, another USM company.

Whinney Mackay Lewis, the USM-quoted achitectural consultant, climbed 6p to 23p as financier Bob Morton bought an extra 100,000 shares for an undisclosed sum, taking his total stake to 740,000, or 11.19 per cent.

☐ **GILT-EDGED**: Gilts were cheered by the success of the latest auction of £3 billion of Treasury 6¾ per cent 2004 which saw investors bid almost £6.5 billion. The Bank of England also felt confident enough to issue further tranches of stock, including £400 million of Treasury 6 per cent 1999, £400 million of Treasury 8 per cent 2013, £200 million of index-linked 4⅝ per cent 1998 and £200 million of index-linked 2½ per cent 2024. The March series of the long gilt climbed £½ to £117²⁹/₃₂ with 78,000 contracts completed. On the cash market Treasury 9 per cent 2012 rose almost a full point to £124¹³/₃₂, while in shorts Treasury 9½ per cent 1999 was £³/₁₆ better at £115¾.

MICHAEL CLARK

MARKETS AT A GLANCE

THE POUND

US $ ....1.4980 (+0.0028)
German mark..........2.5529 (+0.0078)
Exchange index ....81.7 (+0.1)
Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

FT-SE 100 ....3277.4 (+40.1)
Dow Jones ....3717.20 (-1.68)*
Nikkei Avg ....16507.95 (-395.54)

INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base 5½%
3-month Interbank............... 5¼-5⅛%
US Federal Funds............... 2¹⁵/₁₆%*
3-month Treas Bills 3.09-3.08%*
Long Bond 6.18%*

CURRENCIES

New York:		London:	
£:$	1.4951*	£:$	1.4958
$:DM	1.7052*	£:DM	2.5511
$:SWfr	1.4663*	£:SWfr	2.1924
$:Ffr	5.8405*	£:Ffr	8.7370
$:Yen	108.60*	£:Yen	162.45
£:SDR	1.0774	£:ECU	1.3193

London Forex market close

GOLD

London Fixing ($):
AM 377.15 .... PM 382.30
Close 382.75-383.25
New York:
Comex 382.75-383.25*

OIL

Brent Crude....... $13.50 per bbl (Jan)

RETAIL PRICES

RPI..141.8 Oct (1.4%) Jan 1987=100
* Denotes midday trading price

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:

Abbey Ntl	480p (+20p)
Barclays	642p (+16p)
Provident	451p (+11p)
Allied-Lyons	633p (+13p)
Redland	576p (+13p)
Broken Hill	748p (+14p)
Rank Org	914p (+10p)
Sage Group	475p (+31p)
Br Aerospace	422p (+13p)
Pearson	595p (+20p)
Reed Int	823p (+18p)
Frogmore	515p (+14p)

FALLS:

Morland	550p (-28p)
G Wimpey	165p (-11p)
Brit Data Mgt	220p (-10p)
Sothebys	993p (-12p)
Perkins Food	60p (-14p)
Courts Furnish	885p (-13p)
Mitel	394p (-22p)

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Ryder Cup bonus helps Greenalls swing higher

BY MARTIN WALLER
DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

THE Ryder Cup in September raised a bonus £500,000 for Greenalls Group, owner of The Belfry Hotel, the tournament venue, contributing to a *£68.3 million pre-tax profit* for the year to September 30.

This compares with £42.3 million for the previous year, or a more comparable £57.2 *million before a one-off property writedown*.

Andrew Thomas, the chairman and chief executive, promised *shareholders* a period of steady consolidation after the acquisition of JA Devenish, the West Country pub operator, this year.

Shareholders are rewarded with a final dividend of 7.28p a share, for a 12.36p total, up from 11.77p, paid out of earnings raised from 27.48p to 28.46p a share on a strictly comparable basis.

Beer volumes at Greenalls' pubs, which number almost 1,900, fell by 3.3 per cent, worse than the national average, but an improvement on the falls suffered by other pub groups within the geographical areas of Greenalls' operations.

Mr Thomas said: "Although we are now facing a period of consolidation, we shall continue to seek opportunities to develop our quality businesses." Although small, in-fill acquisitions are possible, therefore, the group is not considering substantial purchases for the time being.

Results from Devenish during the two months it was in Greenalls' ownership met expectations, with an operating profit of £4.8 million.

Operating profits from Greenalls' pubs were up by 5.9 per cent to £50.3 million, helped by a 25 per cent rise in food sales and despite the lower beer volumes. Profits from pub restaurants climbed 19.3 per cent to £10.1 million, but the improvement from hotels, despite the windfall from the Ryder Cup, was less dramatic, of 6.1 per cent to £15 million. The off-licence chain rose marginally to £4.5 million and is being badly squeezed by competition from the big supermarket chains.

☐ In spite of an estimated 5.4 per cent downturn in the regional draught beer market, Mansfield Brewery's pre-tax profit rose to £7.5 million, from £6.7 million, in the half year to September 25. The interim dividend is 13.6 per cent up, at 1.25p. Earnings per share rose 11.7 per cent, to 8.04p. Free-trade sales rose by 2.3 per cent, but volumes on lower-margin packaged beers fell by 10.7 per cent.

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MARTIN BEDDALL



Andrew Thomas, left, and Peter Greenall, managing director, promise consolidation

WALL STREET

Dow waits for news on inflation

New York — Shares were slightly lower in a trendless market waiting for November's inflation data. At midday, the Dow Jones industrial average was down 1.68 points at 3,717.20 affected further by weakness in its three oil components.

Declining issues led advancing shares by ten to nine.

☐ **Hong Kong** — *Share prices rose slightly in the afternoon*, with the Hang Seng index ending at 9,750.23, up 13.66 points.

☐ **Frankfurt** — The Dax index ended up 32.67 points at a record close of 2,148.13 in largely technical trading.

☐ **Singapore** — Profit-taking sent the Straits Times industrials index 4.33 points lower to 2,159.21 after an all-time high of 2,176.52.

☐ **Sydney** — *Strong commodity prices*, coupled with heavy demand for News Corp, sent the all-ordinaries index up 22.1 points to 2,096.0.

(Reuter)

	Dec 8 midday	Dec 7 close
AMP Inc	61¼	61½
AMR Corp	68¼	67½
Abbott Labs	29½	29¼
Aetna Life	62	61½
Ahmanson (HF)	19	19¼
Air Prod & Chem	44½	44¼
Albertson's	24¼	24¾
Alcan Alumnm	21½	21¼
Alco Standard	51½	51¼
Allied Signal	74½	75¼
Alum Co of Am	70½	69¾
Amax Gold Inc	7	6¾
Amerada Hess	45¾	45
Amer Brands	34½	34¾
Amer Cyanamid	51	51½
Amer El Power	36¼	36¼
Amer Express	31½	31¾
Amer Genl Corp	29	29¼
Amer Home Pr	63	63¼
Amer Intl	89¼	89¾
Amer Stores	41	41¾
Amer T & T	55½	55¾
Ameritech	77¾	78¼
Amoco	52¾	53¼
Anheuser-Busch	50¾	50¼
Apple Computer	31½	32¼
Archer Daniels	22¼	22¼
Arkla	7¼	7¼
Armco	6¼	6¾
Armstrng Wrld	47¼	47
Asarco	22¼	21¾
Ashland Oil	31½	32¾
Atl Richfield	103¾	103¾
Auto Data Pro	54½	55¼
Avery Dennison	29½	29¼
Avon Products	50¾	50¼
Baker Hughes	19¼	19¾
Baltim Gas & El	25	24¼
Banc One	38¾	39¾
BankAmerica	45¼	45
Bank of NY	55¾	55¼
Bankers Tr NY	78¾	77¼
Barnett Banks	41½	41½
Bausch & Lomb	52¼	52¾
Baxter Intl	23¼	22¾
Bectn Dickinsn	35½	35¾
Bell Atlantic	60¾	61½
BellSouth	57¾	58¼
Black & Decker	20¼	20¾
Block (H&R)	40¼	40¾
Boeing	40¾	41
Boise Cascade	24¼	23¾
Borden Inc	18¼	18
Bristol Myrs Sq	59¾	59¼
Browning Ferris	27	27¼
Burlington Nthn	57¼	57¾
CBS	300¼	299¾
CNA Financial	77	77¼
CPC Intl	46¼	46¾
CSX	84½	83¾
Campbell Soup	43¼	43
Can Pacific	16¼	16¼
Cpd Cities ABC	634¼	634½
Cpd Holdings	37¼	37¾
Carolina Pwr	29	29¼
Caterpillar	85¾	84
Central & SW	30	30¼
Champion Intl	31½	31½
Chase Manhat	34	34
Chemical Bk	40¾	40¼
Chevron Corp	86¾	87¼
Chrysler	53¾	54
Chubb Corp	80¾	81¼
Cigna Corp	62¾	62¾
Citicorp	36	36¼
Clorox	53	52¾
Coastal Corp	26¾	27¼
Coca Cola	43¾	44
Colgate-Palmolive	60¾	61½
Columbia Gas	24¼	24¼
Commonw Ed	28¾	28¾
Compaq Comp	72¾	72¾
Comp Ass Intl	39¾	40¼
Conagra	26¾	26¾
Cons Edison	31½	32¼
Cons Nat Gas	45¾	45¾
Cons Rail	61¼	61¾
Cooper Inds	50¼	50¼
Corning Inc	26¾	27¾
Crown Cork	39¾	40
Dana Corp	54	53¾
Dayton Hudson	69¾	69¾
Deere	69	70¾
Delta Air Lines	59¾	58¾
Deluxe Corp	34¾	35
Detroit Edison	32¼	32¼
Digital Equip	35¾	35¾
Dillard Dept St	40¾	40¼
Disney (Walt)	42	41½
Dominion Res	44¾	45
Donelley (RR)	29¾	29¾
Dover Corp	59¾	59¾
Dow Chemical	57	57
Dow Jones	37¾	37¾
Dresser	19¼	19¾
Duke Power	41¾	42
Dun & Bradstreet	63¾	63¾
Du Pont	47¾	47¾
Eastman Kodak	62¾	61½
Exxon Corp	50¼	49¾

	Dec 8 midday	Dec 7 close
Emerson Elec	57¾	57½
Engelhard Corp	23¾	23¾
Enron Corp	28	29¾
Entergy Corp	36	36½
Ethyl Corp	18½	18¾
Exxon	61¾	62¾
FMC Corp	45¾	45¾
FPL Group	37½	37¾
Federal Express	69¾	69¾
Fed Nat Mtge	77¾	77¾
Fst Chicago	42½	42½
First Interstate	60¾	60¾
First Union Rity	10¾	10¾
Fleet Finl Grp	31½	31¾
Fluor Corp	41½	42¾
Ford Motor	63¾	63¾
GTE Corp	36¼	36¾
Gannett	57¾	56½
Gap Inc Del	40¾	41½
Gen Dynamics	92¾	91½
Gen Electric	99¾	99¾
Gen Mills	62¼	62¾
Gen Motors	55¾	54¾
Gen Reinsurance	113¾	113¾
Gen Signal	34	34¾
Genuine Parts	36¾	37
Georgia Pac	72¾	72¼
Gillette	62½	62¾
Glaxo ADR	20¼	20¼
Goodrich (BF)	41¼	41¾
Goodyear Tire	45¾	46¼
Grace (W&R)	39¾	39¾
Gnt Atl Pac Tea	27¾	27¾
Great Wstn Fin	19¾	19¾
Halliburton	29¾	29
Harcourt General	38	39¾
Heinz (HJ)	36½	37
Hercules	110¾	110¾
Hershey Foods	50¾	50¾
Hewlett Packard	76¾	76¼
Hilton Hotels	50¾	49¾
Home Depot	42¾	42¾
Homestake Mng	21¾	20¾
Honeywell	33¾	33¾
Household Intl	34½	35
Houston Inds	46¼	46¾
Humana	17¾	17¾
ITT Corp	90¾	88¾
Illinois Tool	38¾	37¾
INCO	26¾	25¾
Ingersoll Rand	38¾	39
Inland Steel	32	31¾
Intel Corp	59¾	59¾
IBM	53¾	53¾
Intl Flav & Fr	111¾	111¾
Intl Paper	66¾	67¾
James River Va	19	18¾
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	44¾	45¾
K Mart	22¾	22¾
Kellogg	60¾	60¾
Kerr-McGee	48¾	46¾
Kimberly-Clark	52	51½
Knight-Ridder	60¾	60¾
Lilly (Eli)	57¾	57¾
Limited Inc	18	17¾
LIN Brdcstng	112¾	113¾
Lincoln Nat	43¾	43¾
Litton	66¾	66¾
Liz Claiborne	22¾	22¾
Lockheed Corp	70¾	70¾
Louisiana Pac	39¾	39¾
MCI Commun	24¾	25
Marriott Int	26¾	25
Marsh & McLen	80¾	80
Masco Corp	36¾	35¾
May Dept St	41½	42¾
Maytag Corp	17	17¾
McCaw Cellular	52¾	52¾
McDonalds	58¾	58½
McDonnell D	118¾	117¾
McGraw Hill	67¾	69
Mead Corp	44¾	43¾
Medtronic	84	83¾
Mellon Bk	52¾	52¾
Melville Corp	40	40
Merck Inc	33¾	34¼
Merrill Lynch	46¾	47¾
Minnesota Mine	107¾	107¾
Mobil Corp	74¾	75¾
Monsanto	72¾	71¾
Morgan (JP)	71½	71½
Motorola Inc	94¾	94¾
Natl Medical	13	12¾
Natl Semi	15	15¾
Natl Service Ind	24¾	24¾
Navistar Int	22¾	23¾
NBD Bancorp	30¾	30¾
NY Times A	27¾	28
Newmont Mng	54¾	53
Niag Mohawk	20¾	20¾
Nike B	46¾	46¾
NL Industries	5¾	5¾
Nordstrom	35¾	35½
Norfolk Sthrn	68¾	67¾
Nthn State Pwr	43	43
Norwest Corp	23¾	23¾
Nynex Corp	41¾	41¾
Occidental Pet	17¾	17¾
Ohio Edison	21¾	22¾
Oracle Systems	36¾	36¾

	Dec 8 midday	Dec 7 close
Oryx Energy Co	17¾	17¾
Owens Corning	48¾	47
PNC Financial	29¾	29¾
PPG Industries	71¾	70¾
Paccar Inc	65¾	66¾
Pacificorp	19¾	19
Pac Enterprises	24¾	24¾
Pac Gas & Elec	34¾	34¾
Pac Telesis	57	57¾
Pall Corp	19¾	18¾
Panhandle East	22¾	22
Paramnt Comm	79¾	79¾
Parker Hannifin	36¾	36¾
Penney (JC)	55	56¾
Pennzoil	55¾	55¾
Pepsico	40¾	40¾
Pfizer	68¾	69¾
Phelps Dodge	48¾	47¾
Philadel Elec	28¾	28¾
Philip Morris	56	56¾
Phillips Pet	28¾	28¾
Pitney Bowes	41¾	41¾
Polaroid	36¾	36¾
PriceCostco	19¾	20¾
Primerica	41¾	42¾
Procter & Gmbl	57¾	57¾
Pub Serv E & G	31¾	32
Quaker Oats	74¾	75
Ralston Purina	37¾	37¾
Raychem Corp	37¾	37¾
Raytheon	62¾	64
Reebok Intl	30	30
Reynolds Metals	45¾	44¾
Roadway Srvcs	65¾	66¾
Rockwell Intl	35¾	34¾
Rohm & Haas	53¾	54
Royal Dutch	104¾	104¾
Rubbermaid	34¾	34¾
Safeco Corp	57¾	57¾
St Paul's Cos	91¾	91¾
Salomon Inc	45¾	45¾
Santa Fe Pac	21¾	21¾
Sara Lee Corp	27¾	27¾
Scecorp	20¾	20¾
Schering Plough	66¾	66¾
Schlumberger	58¾	58¾
Scott Paper	39	39¾
Seagram	27	27
Sears Roebuck	54¾	54¾
Shell Trans	65¾	63
Sherwin Wllms	33¾	33¾
Skyline Corp	17¾	17¾
Snap-On-Tools	38¾	38¾
Southern Co	43	43¾
Sthwestern Bell	43¾	43¾
Sprint Corp	32¾	32¾
Stanley Works	41¾	41½
Sun Company	30¾	30¾
Suntrust	44¾	44¾
Supervalu	33¾	33
Syntex Corp	16¾	16¾
Sysco Corp	30	30
TRW Inc	67¾	67¾
Tandem Comp	11¾	11
Tandy Corp	45¾	44¾
Telecom Corp	2¾	3
Teledyne	25¾	26
Temple Inland	50¾	50½
Tenneco	48¾	49¾
Texaco	62¾	62¾
Texas Inst	63¾	63¾
Texas Utilities	43	43
Textron	54	57¾
Time Warner	44¾	44¾
Times-Mirror	34¾	34¾
Timken	32¾	32¾
Torchmark	44¾	44½
Toys R Us	40¾	40¾
Transamerica	57½	57¾
Travelers Corp	33	33¾
Tribune	58¾	59
Tyco Labs	47	47¾
UAL Corp	151¾	150
UST Inc	27	26¾
USX Marathon	17¾	17¾
Unilever NV	115¾	115
Union Camp	48¾	47¾
Union Carbide	20¾	20¾
Union Pacific	60¾	62
Unisys Corp	11¾	11¾
USAIR Group	13¾	13¾
USF&G Corp	13¾	13¾
US Life	38¾	38¾
US West	46¼	46¾
United Tech	62¾	62
Unocal Corp	28¾	28½
Upjohn	30¾	31¾
VF Corp	45¾	45¾
WMX Tech	27¾	27¾
Wal-Mart Stores	27¾	27¾
Warner-Lambert	65	65¾
Wells Fargo	122¾	123¾
Westinghouse El	14¾	14
Weyerhaeuser	44	43¾
Whirlpool	61½	61¾
Whitman	16½	16¾
Winn Dixie	54¾	55¾
Woolworth	23¾	24¾
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	43¾	43¾
Xerox	85¾	86¾

RECENT ISSUES

Abtrust Emrg Econs	96½	+1
Abtrust Emrg Econs Wts	54	...
Abtrust Lloyds Insce (100)	93	...
Abtrust Lloyds Wts	39	+2
Alliders (170)	191	-1
Amicable Smlr Ent (100)	101	...
Angerstein (100)	95	...
Angerstein Wts	40	...
Azlan (230)	257	-3
BTR Warrants 1998	46	...
Badgerline (115)	109	-4
Biotrace Intl (130)	151	+3
CLM Insce (100)	101	...
Canadian Pizza (200)	190	-2
Charles Sidney (110)	105	+3
Cleveland Trust (100)	112	...
Coal Invs	18	...
DFS Furniture (260)	295	+7
Delian Lloyds Inv Tst (100)	98	+1
Emerald Energy (1)	1½	...
Fenchurch (180)	175	...
Finsbury U/writing Inv	108	...
For & Col Emerg Mkts Wts	63	+2
For & Col Smaller (100)	100½	...
Gartmore (168)	185	-2
Govett High Inc (100)	105	...
Greyfriars Inv Wts	11	...
HCG Lloyds Inv Tst (100)	102	...
Harmony Leisure Wts	4½	...
Hiscox Select Ins Fd (100)	108	...
Hozelock (250)	255	...
Independent Insce (225)	280	...
Johnson Fry Utites (100)	105	+1
Johnson Fry 0 Pf (100)	104	-½
Lilliput (135)	122	-2
Litho Supplies (190)	210	...
London Insce Mkt (100)	108	...
Masthead Insce (100)	107	...
Millgate (40)	40	-1
Morgan Grnfl Eqy C (100)	102½	+1
NM Smllr Aust (100)	100	...
NM Smllr Wts	44	...
New London Capital (100)	96	...
On Demand Info (78)	112	...
Roxboro (230)	249	+1
Royal Doulton	211	+3
Ruberoid (150)	162	+1
Smlr Co Inv Tst C (135)	141	...
Syndicate Capital (100)	96	-1
Syndicate Capital Wts	38	...
Throgmorton Pr Inc (100)	102	...
Towry Law (190)	196	...
Ugland Intl	103	...
Wigmore Prop Inv (100)	96	+1
Wigmore Prop Wrts	41	+1

RIGHTS ISSUES

Greycoat n/p (12½)	4	-½
Maddox n/p (1)	½	...
Raglan n/p (100)	3	...
Rhino n/p (44)	17	-1
Scottish Metr n/p (85)	6½	+1
Siebe n/p (485)	64	...
Ugland n/p	1½	...
Wyevale Garden n/p (152)	19	...

FT-SE VOLUMES

ASDA Gp	8,600	Cadbury	2,500	MEPC	803	Scot Power	2,700
Abbey Natl	3,700	Caradon	4,600	Marks Spr	10,000	Sears	15,000
Alld-Lyons	2,100	Carlton Cms	1,400	NFC	4,600	Svrn Trent	1,000
Anglian W	1,300	Coats Vyla	5,400	NatWst Bk	5,000	Shell Trans	4,000
Argyll Gp	4,600	Cm Union	1,400	Nat Power	7,200	Siebe	2,300
Arjo Wiggn	2,700	Courtaulds	1,300	Nth Wst W	668	SmKl Bch	7,300
AB Foods	1,000	Enterpr Oil	9,600	Nthn Fds	1,500	Smith Nph	1,400
BAA	872	Forte	3,100	P & O	2,700	Sthn Elec	730
BAT Inds	6,800	GRE	2,500	Pearson	1,300	Std Chartd	989
BOC	1,000	GUS	1,200	PowerGen	3,000	Sun Allnce	3,000
BP	8,300	Gen Acc	865	Prudential	2,900	TI Gp	525
BT	7,200	Gen Elec	7,700	RMC	493	TSB	11,000
BTR	8,200	Glaxo	6,200	RTZ	3,300	Tesco	2,900
Bk of Scot	2,400	Granada	3,600	Rank Org	2,800	Thames W	2,500
Barclays	4,400	Grand Met	7,200	Reckitt Col	2,400	Thm EMI	1,500
Bass	2,400	Guinness	2,100	Redland	938	Tomkins	7,000
Blue Circle	1,800	HSBC	3,500	Reed Intl	950	Unilever	1,600
Boots	1,300	Hanson	17,000	Rentokil	2,000	Utd Bisc	1,600
Bowater	2,800	ICI	765	Reuters	700	Vodafone	1,600
Brit Aero	4,600	Inchcape	2,500	Rolls Royce	1,900	Wrbrg (SG)	2,000
Brit Airwys	4,700	Kingfisher	811	Ryl Ins	1,900	Wellcome	2,400
Brit Gas	8,300	Ladbroke	6,300	Ryl Bk Scot	4,100	Whitbd 'A'	1,700
Brit Steel	11,000	Land Secs	1,100	Sainsbury	1,700	Wllms Hld	1,000
Burmah Cl	387	Legal & Gn	2,900	Schroders	60	Wolseley	313
Cable Wire	3,900	Lloyds Bk	5,700	Scot & New	1,900	Zeneca	3,300

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones .... 3717.20 (-1.68)
S&P Composite .... 465.68 (-1.08)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Avge .... 16507.95 (-395.54)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng .... 9750.23 (+13.66)

Amsterdam:
CBS Tendency .... 140.8 (+1.0)

Sydney: AO .... 2096.0 (+22.1)

Frankfurt:
DAX .... 2148.13 (+32.67)

FT 30 share: .... 2454.5 (+24.6)

Brussels:
General .... 7304.78 (-23.05)

Paris: CAC .... n/a

Zurich: SKA Gen .... 654.00 (+2.70)

London:
FT A All-Share .... 1607.58 (+16.51)
FT 500 .... 1708.73 (+15.10)
FT Gold Mines .... 235.9 (+4.8)
FT Fixed Interest .... 128.78 (+0.13)
FT Govt Secs .... 105.94 (+0.39)
Bargains 34389
SEAQ Volume 821.2m
USM (Datastrm) .... 150.33 (-0.25)

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
December 6	December 17	March 10	March 21

Call options were taken out on 8/12/93: Alliance Res, Bakyrchik, Benson, Br Thornton, Coutts Cons, Flextech, Hanson Wts, Hartstone, YJ Lovell, Nat Home Loans Prf, Navan Res, TR Technology. **Puts:** Benson, Coutts Cons, Nat Home Loans Prf, Tiphook. **Puts & Calls:** Medeva, Nat Home Loans.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100	Dec 93	3239.0	3297.0	3239.0	3291.0	16253
Previous open interest: 77013	Mar 94	3259.5	3313.0	3259.5	3310.5	3262
Three Month Sterling	Dec 93	94.68	94.70	94.68	94.69	7635
Previous open interest: 429048	Mar 94	94.93	94.97	94.93	94.96	13743
	Jun 94	95.11	95.17	95.10	95.16	7514
Three Mth Eurodollar	Dec 93	96.55	96.59	96.55	96.59	448
Previous open interest: 14863	Mar 94	96.42	96.44	96.41	96.42	34
Three Mth Euro DM	Dec 93	93.89	93.92	93.88	93.90	13970
Previous open interest: 740931	Mar 94	94.61	94.63	94.60	94.61	22129
Long Gilt	Dec 93	118-00	118-24	118-00	118-22	2724
Previous open interest: 136535	Mar 94	117-09	118-03	117-05	117-29	79400
Japanese Govmt Bond	Mar 94	116.44	116.44	116.22	116.36	3104
	Jun 94				115.56	0
German Gov Bd Bund	Mar 94	100.11	100.43	100.05	100.38	68497
Previous open interest: 135603	Jun 94	100.10	100.12	100.09	100.33	129
German Gov Bd Bobl	Mar 94	103.19	103.34	103.17	103.34	688
Previous open interest: 8897	Jun 94					0
Three month ECU	Dec 93	93.50	93.53	93.47	93.53	861
Previous open interest: 37062	Mar 94	94.17	94.23	94.16	94.24	1240
Euro Swiss Franc	Dec 93	95.75	95.88	95.75	95.84	5328
Previous open interest: 60729	Mar 94	96.36	96.40	96.34	96.40	6333
Italian Govmt Bond	Mar 94	115.15	117.00	114.90	116.61	27035
Previous open interest: 82225	Jun 94				116.76	0

MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was up at 81.7 (day's range 81.4-81.8).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Dec 8	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.8469-2.8589	2.8524-2.8559	par-¹/₈ds	¹/₂-³/₈ds
Brussels	52.88-53.32	53.11-53.21	8-12ds	21-26ds
Copenhagen	9.9860-10.0390	9.9860-10.0010	1½-2⅞ds	4⅞-6¼ds
Dublin	1.0550-1.0585	1.0551-1.0582	8-11ds	23-30ds
Frankfurt	2.5413-2.5550	2.5494-2.5527	¼-¹/₈ds	½-⅜ds
Lisbon	258.90-260.51	259.28-259.91	128-155ds	375-415ds
Madrid	207.77-208.38	207.77-208.07	68-78ds	1⅝-1¼ds
Milan	2491.00-2501.60	2497.50-2501.60	6-8ds	21-22ds
Montreal	1.9678-1.9900	1.9700-1.9900	0.28-0.19pr	0.49-0.38pr
New York	1.4873-1.4963	1.4953-1.4963	0.27-0.25pr	0.69-0.68pr
Oslo	11.0390-11.0670	11.0470-11.0630	½-³/₈ds	par-1¼ds
Paris	8.7300-8.7540	8.7300-8.7440	⅞-1¹/₈ds	2⅞-3¼ds
Stockholm	12.3980-12.4500	12.4050-12.4300	1½-2⅛ds	4½-5⅞ds
Tokyo	160.97-163.21	162.31-162.58	1⅛-⅞pr	1⅞-1⅝pr
Vienna	17.83-17.96	17.92-17.96	⅛-1¹/₈ds	1¼-3ds
Zurich	2.1878-2.1944	2.1909-2.1939	¼-¹/₈pr	⅜-⅛pr

Source: Extel   *Premium - pr. Discount - ds.*

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.4925-1.4951
Australia dollar	2.2191-2.2222
Bahrain dinar	0.555-0.567
Brazil cruzeiro*	377.25-378.71
Cyprus pound	0.76-0.77
Finland marka	8.497-8.613
Greece drachma	360.25-367.25
Hong Kong dollar	11.5451-11.5544
India rupee	46.24-47.20
Kuwait dinar KD	0.439-0.449
Malaysia ringgit	3.8157-3.8197
Mexico peso	4.57-4.67
New Zealand dollar	2.7044-2.7097
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.517-5.643
Singapore dollar	2.3872-2.3903
S Africa rand (fin)	6.3985-6.4779
S Africa rand (com)	5.0432-5.0511
U A E dirham	5.403-5.527

Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Australia	1.4843-1.4854
Austria	11.903-11.998
Belgium (Com)	35.60-35.66
Canada	1.3203-1.3208
Denmark	6.6890-6.6990
France	5.8505-5.8525
Germany	1.7075-1.7085
Hong Kong	7.7225-7.7235
Ireland	1.4105-1.4138
Italy	1669.0-1670.0
Japan	108.68-108.73
Malaysia	2.5525-2.5535
Netherlands	1.9105-1.9115
Norway	7.4061-7.4081
Portugal	173.80-174.10
Singapore	1.5968-1.5975
Spain	139.20-139.45
Sweden	8.3130-8.3230
Switzerland	1.4665-1.4675

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 5½ Finance Hse 6
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 5½ Low 4 Week fixed: 5¼
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 5¹/₃₂ ; 3 mth 5 . Sell: 2 mth 5¹/₃₂ ; 3 mth: 4³¹/₃₂ .

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	5¹/₁₆-5⅛	5¹/₁₆-5⅛	5¹/₁₆-5	5-4¹⁵/₁₆	
Sterling Money Rates:	5³/₁₆-5¹/₁₆	5³/₁₆-5⅛	5¹/₁₆-5³/₁₆	5⅛-5¹/₁₆	5⅛-5
Interbank:	5³/₁₆-5¹/₁₆	5³/₁₆-5⅛	5¹/₁₆-5³/₁₆	5¹/₁₆-5¹/₁₆	5⅛-5

Overnight: open 5½, close 4 .

Local Authority Deps:	5¹/₁₆	n/a	5¹/₁₆	5¹/₁₆	5
Sterling CDs:	5¹¹/₃₂-5⁷/₃₂	5¹/₄-5¹/₁₆	5⅛-5¹/₁₆	5¹/₁₆-5	5-4¹⁵/₁₆
Dollar CDs:	3.30-3.27	n/a	3.32-3.29	3.39-3.36	3.64-3.61
Building Society CDs:	5¹¹/₃₂-5⁹/₃₂	5¹/₁₆-5¼	5¹/₁₆-5¹/₁₆	5¹/₁₆-5¹/₁₆	5⅛-5

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: Nov 30, 1993 Agreed rates Dec 26, 1993 to Jan 25, 1994 Scheme III: 6.90 %. Reference rate Oct 30, 1993 to Nov 30, 1993 Scheme IV & V: 5.618 %.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	3-2⅞	3¹/₁₆-3¹/₁₆	3¹/₁₆-3¹/₁₆	3⅜-3¼	3¹/₄-2⅞
Deutschemark:	6⁷/₁₆-6⁵/₁₆	6⅛-6⅛	6¼-6	5⅞-5⅝	6⅝-5¾
French Franc:	6⁷/₈-6¾	6¹³/₁₆-6¹¹/₁₆	6⁹/₁₆-6⁷/₁₆	6⅞-6⅛	7⅛-6¾
Swiss Franc:	4½-4¼	4⁷/₁₆-4⁵/₁₆	4⅛-4⅛	3¹⁵/₁₆-3¹³/₁₆	4¼-3⅞
Yen:	2⅜-2¼	2³/₁₆-2¹/₁₆	2¹/₁₆-1¹⁵/₁₆	1⅞-1¾	2½-1¾

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $377.20-377.60 **Close:** $382.75-383.25 **High:** $383.25-383.65 **Low:** $374.90-375.40 **Krugerrand:** $381.00-384.00 (£254.00-256.50)
Sovereigns: Old $87.00-91.00 (£58.00-60.50) New $87.00-91.00 (£58.00-60.50)
Platinum: $380.20 (£254.75) **Silver:** $5.00 (£3.335) **Palladium:** $127.75 (£85.60)

LIFFE OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Jan	Apr	Jul	Puts Jan	Apr	Jul
Alld Lyon	600	35½	51½	58½	11½	18½	32
(*632½)	650	9½	29½	33	38	44½	59
Argyll	240	23½	31	34½	6	9½	16
(*259)	260	11½	19	24	16	18½	27
ASDA	45	6½	8	10½	2	4	5
(*49½)	50	4	5½	7½	4	6½	7½
Boots	500	53½	64½	72½	4	9	17½
(*545)	550	17½	32	41½	19	28½	38
Br Airways	420	38	50	57½	8	17	23
(*445½)	460	16	27½	36½	29½	34	43½
BP	330	13	22	27½	10½	17½	23½
(*330½)	360	3½	9½	14½	32½	36½	41
Br Steel	130	8½	13	17½	7	11	14½
(*130½)	140	4½	8½	13½	13½	17	20
C & W	475	35	51	61	11	20½	27
(*499½)	500	21½	37	47	22	32	38½
CU	600	42	51½	61	6	17½	23½
(*628½)	650	13	24½	35	29½	49	50
ICI	750	32½	44	55½	19½	41½	50
(*756)	800	11½	21½	33	51½	74	81½
Kingfishr	700	59	75	84½	7	17	28
(*745)	750	25½	44½	54½	29½	37½	50
Land Sec	750	44½	60½	69	7	14	26
(*782½)	800	14½	31	41	30	36	50½
M & S	420	39½	49	54	4½	8½	14
(*453)	460	13	24½	30	18½	23½	30½
Nat West	600	34	44½	54½	12½	27½	35
(*615)	650	10½	21	31½	41½	57	64
Sainsbury	390	34	46½	52½	6	12½	19
(*417)	420	14	28	35½	17½	25½	33½
Shell	700	27½	37	48	13½	29½	36
(*707½)	750	7	15	25½	46	62	66
Smkl Bch	360	35½	45½	54	7	16	22
(*383½)	390	18	29½	39½	20½	30	36½
Storehse	220	11	19	24	8	12	16
(*226½)	240	3	10½	14½	21½	24½	27½
Trafalgar	90	6½	11	13	5½	7	10½
(*93)	100	3	—	9½	12	13	16½
Unilever	1150	51	72	91	17½	39	51½
(*1175)	1200	21	45½	64	43	65½	74½
Zeneca	750	57½	67½	80½	10½	28½	41½
(*788½)	800	24½	38½	54½	31½	55	66
	Series	**Feb**	**May**	**Aug**	**Feb**	**May**	**Aug**
Grand Met	420	32½	39	45½	12½	18	23½
(*443½)	460	10½	19	28½	34½	40½	44½
Ladbroke	140	22½	26	28½	9	15½	17
(*150½)	160	12½	16	19	19½	27½	29½
Utd Bisc	330	31	35½	39½	8½	16	21
(*347½)	360	14½	19	25	23½	33½	38½

	Series	Calls Jan	Apr	Jul	Puts Jan	Apr	Jul
BAA	950	64	87½	103	9	21½	31½
(*996)	1000	32	57	73½	28	41½	53
Thames W	550	29½	42	51½	10	19	32½
(*564)	600	8	18½	29½	40½	45	61½
	Series	**Feb**	**May**	**Aug**	**Feb**	**May**	**Aug**
BAT Ind	500	50	56	61	9½	18½	26
(*534½)	550	19½	27½	34	30	45½	52½
BTR	330	28	32	37½	7½	15	18
(*349)	360	12	16½	23	23½	32	34
Br Aero	420	31½	45½	56½	29½	40½	48½
(*420)	460	15½	27½	40	35	65½	73
Br Telcm	460	23	31½	39	12½	16½	24
(*473½)	500	6½	13½	19½	38½	40½	46½
Cadbury	453	31	39½	—	9½	20½	—
(*468½)	493	11½	19½	—	31	44	—
Guinness	460	32½	43	49½	14	23	29½
(*477½)	500	13	22½	29	34	46	52½
GEC	300	27½	34	37½	4½	7½	13
(*322)	330	9½	16½	21½	18½	22	28
Hanson	260	13½	17½	21	8	12½	16
(*267)	280	5½	8½	12½	30	24	28
LASMO	110	15½	18½	22	5	12½	14
(*115)	120	9	13½	17	13½	17½	19½
Lucas	180	17½	22½	26½	7½	12	15
(*188)	200	7½	13	17	19	23½	26
Pilkngtn	140	21½	24	28½	6	8	12
(*157)	160	9	12	17½	15	17	21½
Prudential	330	36	39½	43½	4½	10½	13½
(*356½)	360	15½	21	26	15	24½	27
Redland	550	43½	52½	59	15	32	36½
(*573½)	600	18	27½	35½	41	60½	64½
Royal Ins	280	26½	—	—	8	—	—
(*301½)	317	11	—	—	24½	—	—
Tesco	180	22½	26½	28½	5½	10½	12
(*195½)	200	9	15	17½	13½	21	22
Vodafone	550	50½	59	79	24	35	46½
(*567½)	600	25½	38	55½	52	62½	72½
Williams	330	31½	36½	40½	6	13	16½
(*351½)	360	14	20½	25	19	29	32½

FT-SE INDEX (*3279)

	3100	3150	3200	3250	3300	3350
Calls						
Dec	194	145	97	51	21	6
Jan	212	168	127	91	62	39
Feb	229	186	147	113	84	60
Mar	240	201	164	131	100	77
Jun	274	—	203	—	142	—
Puts						
Dec	1	2	4	11	32	74
Jan	13	19	28	43	64	94
Feb	22	30	42	58	79	108
Mar	33	44	56	74	94	122
Jun	61	—	90	—	129	—

	Series	Calls Dec	Mar	Jun	Puts Dec	Mar	Jun
Abby Nat	420	60	66½	69½	1	5	8
(*479½)	460	22	36	42	3	17	22
Amstrad	40	3½	6½	8	1½	4	5½
(*43)	45	1½	4	6	4½	7	8
Barclays	600	47	62	69	2½	13½	21
(*642)	650	9½	30½	40½	16	35½	43
Blue Circ	330	15	28	34	5	16½	25
(*338½)	360	2½	14½	20½	25	33½	42½
Br Gas	330	19½	30½	34½	2	6	14
(*347)	360	3	13½	17½	16	23	30
Dixons	280	13	26	34	4½	16	21
(*297½)	300	4½	17	24	15	26½	32
Forte	240	14½	25½	29½	3	11½	17
(*249½)	260	3½	15½	19½	13½	22	28
Hillsdwn	140	13	19	22	1½	6½	12
(*150)	160	1½	8½	11½	12½	17	24
Lonrho	130	10	16½	20½	2½	9	12
(*137)	140	4	11½	16	6½	14	17
Sears	120	10	14½	16	1½	4	6
(*128½)	130	3	8½	10½	4½	8½	11½
Thm Eml	950	54½	73	93½	3	24½	33½
(*996½)	1000	19½	45	65	18½	47½	57½
Tomkins	220	14½	21	25	2	8½	12
(*231)	240	3	12	15½	12	19	22½
TSB	240	6½	15	20½	5	14	17
(*241)	260	1½	7	11½	21	27½	30
Wellcome	650	31½	63½	74½	8½	31	44½
(*668½)	700	5½	38½	52	36	57½	70½
	Series	**Dec**	**Apr**	**Jul**	**Dec**	**Apr**	**Jul**
Glaxo	650	46½	75½	94	5½	34½	45½
(*688½)	700	12½	49	68½	25	58½	70½
HSBC	750	59½	86½	95½	2½	29½	39
(*803½)	800	10½	56	68½	15½	51½	63½
Reuter	1700	55½	124½	158	13	72½	95
(*1741)	1750	25	96	131½	34	97	119½
	Series	**Dec**	**Feb**	**May**	**Dec**	**Feb**	**May**
R-Royce	156	13½	19	—	1½	6½	—
(*166)	176	2½	8½	—	12½	17	—
	Series	**Dec**	**Mar**	**Jun**	**Dec**	**Mar**	**Jun**
Fisons	140	8	17½	21	3½	11	18
(*144)	160	1½	9	12½	18½	23	31
	Series	**Feb**	**May**	**Aug**	**Feb**	**May**	**Aug**
Eastern Elc	600	60½	70	73	6½	12	21
(*651)	650	25	39	45½	25	31½	43½
	Series	**Dec**	**Mar**	**Jun**	**Dec**	**Mar**	**Jun**
Natl Pwr	420	27	39	46	1½	9½	15½
(*442½)	460	4	16½	25½	20½	29	36
Scot Pwr	420	34	41½	50	1½	8	12½
(*451)	460	5	17½	26½	14½	26	30

December 8, 1993 Tot: 41544 Call: 22700 Put: 18844 FT-SE Call: 6149 Put: 10381
*Underlying security price

COMMODITIES

GNI REPORT: *Political activity in the Ivory Coast continued to dominate talk in the cocoa market, the battle to fill Houphouet-Boigny's shoes came into the open. However traders are more interested in the results of the Brazilian auction than the talks at the ICO in London this week. Effectively the ICO has been replaced by the Association of Coffee Producing Countries as a market moving factor.*

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

Dec	990-987	Mar	1030-1029
Mar	1051-1050	May	1034-1033
May	1053-1052	Jul	1040-1036
Jul	1049-1048	Sep	1045-1040
Sep	1049-1048		
Dec	1030-1029		Volume: 4325

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Jan	1240-1238	Sep	1213-1210
Mar	1229-1228	Nov	1212-1209
May	1220-1217	Jan	1211-1208
Jul	1214-1211		Volume: 3335

NO.7 PREMIUM RAW SUGAR (6.00pm)

		Oct	10.98-11.10
Spot: 272.00		Jan	unq
Mar	10.83-10.89	Mar	unq
May	11.01-11.11	May	unq
Jul	11.19-11.30		Volume: 35

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Oct	276.6-76.1
Spot: 285.5		Dec	276.6-74.1
Mar	283.0-82.6	Mar	279.6-75.6
May	284.0-83.6	May	282.6-77.6
Aug	289.2-88.6		Volume: 425

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on December 8

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	73.35	89.09	122.74
(+/-)	+1.94	-1.97	+3.43
Eng/Wales:	73.44	89.47	121.82
(+/-)	+2.00	-2.43	+3.36
(%)	+4.2	-10.8	+16.4
Scotland:	63.88	87.27	127.41
(+/-)	-1.65	-0.76	+4.01
(%)	-78.5	-35.8	+0.8

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig (£/kg)

	Open	Close		Open	Close
Aug	unq	..	Mar	unq	..
Sep	unq			Volume: 0	

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)

Jan	101.30
Mar	102.90
May	104.30
Jun	105.00
Sep	90.75
	Volume: 608

BARLEY (close £/t)

Jan	105.15
Mar	106.50
May	92.65
Sep	95.00
Nov	96.90
	Volume: 22

HI-PRO SOYA (close £/t)

Aug	unq
Oct	..
Dec	..
Feb	..
Apr	..
	Volume: 0

POTATO

(£/t)	Open	Close
Mar	unq	118.0
Apr	88.0	89.2
May	106.0	106.8
		Volume: 58

RUBBER
No 1 RSS Cif (p/k)
Jan 61.00-61.50

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm): Opec sources again request that other producers cut output.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	13.45	-0.35
Brent 15 day (Dec)	13.55	-0.30
Brent 15 day (Jan)	13.50	-0.30
W Texas Intermediate (Jan)	14.60	-0.25
W Texas Intermediate (Feb)	14.90	-0.25

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas .15	141 (-4)	143 (-4)
Gasoil EEC	142 (-2)	143 (-2)
Non EEC 1H Jan	148 (-2)	149 (-3)
Non EEC 1H Feb	148 (-2)	149 (-3)
3.5 Fuel Oil	54 (-1)	57 (n/c)
Naphtha	132 (-3)	134 (-3)

IPE FUTURES
GNI Ltd

GAS OIL

Dec	141.75-42.00	Mar	143.75-44.00
Jan	141.75-42.00	Apr	145.00 BID
Feb	142.50-42.75	May	145.00-45.50
			Vol: 29106

BRENT (6.00pm)

Jan	13.52-13.53	Apr	14.26-14.28
Feb	13.75-13.76	May	14.49-14.53
Mar	14.01-14.03		Vol: 43562

UNLEADED GASOLINE

Dec	135.00-37.00	Mar	149.00 SLR
Jan	n/a	Apr	153.00-57.00
Feb	n/a		Vol: 0

BIFFEX
GNI Ltd ($10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Dec 93	1250	1250	1248
Jan 94	1260	1252	1263
Feb 94	1280	1280	1280
Apr 94	1285	1285	1295

Vol: 27 lots. Open int'st: 2465 Index 1247 -1

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE Rudolf Wolff
(Official) (Volume prev day)

	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	1679.0-1679.5	1701.5-1702.0	280075
Lead ($/tonne)	440.00-441.00	462.00-462.50	226875
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	989.00-989.50	1006.0-1006.5	640090
Tin ($/tonne)	4783.0-4788.0	4835.0-4840.0	19700
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1085.5-1086.0	1105.5-1106.5	1381025
Nickel ($/tonne)	4974.0-4975.0	5030.0-5031.0	60100

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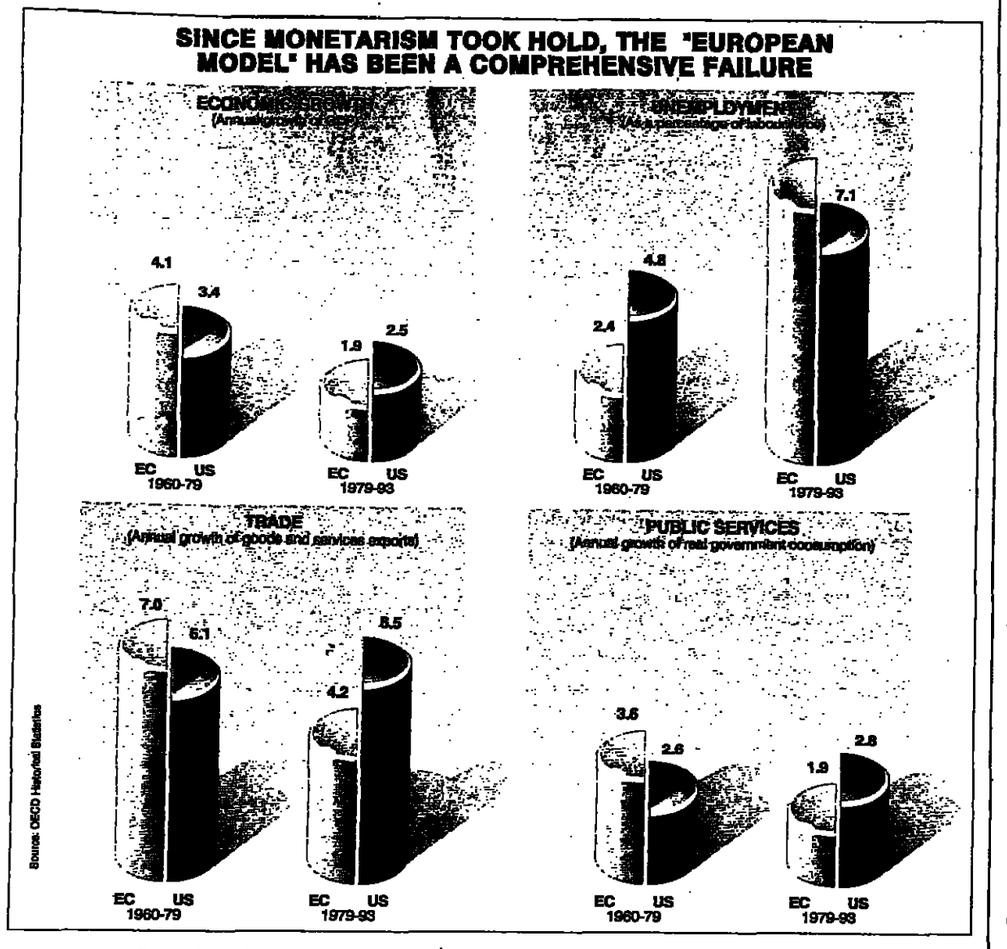
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ECONOMIC VIEW

Scene setter for nightmare on Downing Street

Anatole Kaletsky has seen all the signs. He fears the spectre of monetarism walks again and is wreaking untold economic havoc



My worst suspicions are being realised. Not only has the government's complacency about the state of the economy been reinforced by the favourable notices for the Budget — which were, of course, motivated by the Budget's entertainment value as political theatre, not its economic content. Far worse, there is growing evidence that the monetarist thinking which seemed to be in retreat everywhere — with the possible exceptions of the German Bundesbank and the British Labour Party — has suddenly made a comeback in the Treasury, the Bank of England and around the Cabinet table. And to pile on the agony, the EC summit to be held in Brussels tomorrow will confirm that even in those European institutions where monetarism has not been accepted as official policy, it is continuing to do untold damage by eliminating all traces of other, more rational, economic thought. These three worries are, closely connected but to keep things simple, let me treat them one by one.

First, the confidence in the Treasury and the Cabinet about the immediate prospects: this is likely to prove short-lived. Kenneth Clarke will doubtless ignore the first post-Budget opinion poll, published yesterday, which showed Labour's lead on voting intentions rising by 5 points to 21 per cent and its lead on "economic competence" rising by two points to 8 per cent. He may even laugh off next week's batch of statistics on production, retail sales, and inflation — all of which are likely to confirm the picture of a decelerating economy. But the Chancellor's new fan club in the financial markets and the business community will pay more attention if the recovery does look like running out of steam.

Sterling is poised just above DM2.55 and the FT-SE index is recording new highs almost daily. But despite many City predictions that next major moves will be up towards DM2.60 and 3,400 on the FT-SE, a sober reading of the economic fundamentals and the technical indicators suggests that the next move in sterling-mark, as well as in the London stock market, is likely to be sharply down.

The business community, meanwhile, is in for an even bigger disappointment. As they examine the fine print of the Budget, industrialists are realising that, on one of the Treasury's most widely welcomed commitments — to maintain capital spending in the public sector — they were quite simply conned. The Budget announcement that private-sector capital would be lined up to finance major infrastructure projects, such as British Rail's west coast electrification programme, appears to be pure pie in the sky. Neither the banks nor the leading engineering contractors seem to know anything about the Chancellor's initiative — indeed, they report that the Treasury has not even bothered to reply to proposals made months ago by some of Britain's biggest private companies to supply infrastructure investment funds. And to judge by the Government's lack of interest last week in a City of London Corporation plan to co-finance the Crossrail project, the Treasury's ruling theology remains as hostile as ever to public investment, despite Mr Clarke's much-vaunted promises of a "no nonsense" pro-industry approach.

In fact, there is no need to speculate about what the Treasury attitude to investment *might* be under Mr Clarke. All we have to do is delve into some of the less-widely publicised figures released by the Treasury after the Budget speech. This task is greatly assisted by a note entitled "*The madness of cutting public sector investment*" by David Owen, economist at Kleinwort Benson. Mr Owen shows that public sector investment, net of depreciation, will be cut in real terms by no less than 18 per cent in the next financial year, and a further 9 per cent in the year after that. Real current spending will, of course, go on rising. So much for Mr Clarke's promises that the Treasury's long-overdue decision to separate capital and current spending in the public accounts would help to protect investment.

Let me now turn to my more general worry that monetarism has returned from the Undead. Over the last few months, this column has reported on the growing signs that the Bank of England is reverting, for internal political reasons, to the naive monetarist view that monetary policy should be used solely to control inflation and the real economy left to take care of itself. Since the Budget there have been indications that Cabinet ministers, too, have been persuaded of an even more thoroughly discredited monetarist proposition: that growth of the broad money supply will guarantee that consumers and investors will increase their spending by some corresponding rate. Broad money is now growing at around 6 per cent and should grow even faster as a result of the Treasury's decision to finance £7 billion of next year's public sector borrowing requirement by borrowing from the banks. Ergo, ministers confidently argue, there is no need to worry about the damage to the recovery from next year's enormous fiscal contraction — the growth of broad money, encouraged by "underfunding", will automatically boost the economy, even if the Chancellor decides not to make any further cuts in interest rates.

If this is the theoretical pup the Treasury and the Bank have sold a naive Chancellor, then fasten your seatbelts and abandon hope of a decent economic performance in the years ahead. To see just one of the reasons for panic, consider the performance of the European economy and the policy morass in which all European leaders find themselves as they assemble in Brussels to discuss measures to promote employment and growth.

Since the late 1970s, the economic orthodoxy prevailing in Europe has asserted that unemployment was caused exclusively by structural "supply-side" factors — above all high wages — rather than cyclical changes in economic demand. Under the influence of the unreconstructed monetarism of the Bundesbank — which proudly proclaims that "we are not an anti-cyclical institution" — one European government after another has given up on Keynesian efforts to manage domestic demand. In America, meanwhile, despite the rhetoric of the Reagan Admininstration, monetarism was practised by the Federal Reserve Board for a brief period, from October 1979 until August 1982. For the rest of the past four decades, American economic policy has been directed at minimising the cyclical fluctuations of both inflation *and* unemployment.

The results are illustrated in the charts. While both America and Europe have suffered since the financial and energy crises of the 1970s, there has been a staggering deterioration in Europe's *relative* economic performance on almost every score. Europe is still far behind American technology and productivity, but instead of catching up, as it did until the mid-1970s, it has spent the last 14 years falling further behind. Even in terms of the growth of government services (as opposed to cash transfers between citizens) America has offered its citizens more than Europe.

The greatest deterioration has, of course, been in unemployment. Having followed the monetarist teaching and abandoned full employment as one of the key objectives of macroeconomic policy, Europe has plunged into a decade-long unemployment crisis. Tomorrow, European ministers will be reduced to economically illiterate rowing about work-sharing and so-called "employment intensive growth" — a euphemism for Luddite measures to reduce productivity. Instead, they could be discussing a programme of concerted monetary reflation which could offer their citizens more jobs, faster economic growth, and improving productivity and wages.

Until a few weeks ago, I thought British ministers would at least be able to offer their European colleagues a lesson on how to put an economy back on the road to full employment and rapid economic growth. As usual, I underestimated the Treasury and the Bank of England: if they can do any damage, they surely will.

TEMPUS

Express delivery

ONLY ten months after being appointed NFC's chief executive, Peter Sherlock has already made his mark. Yesterday's rights issue was an important milestone in his self-appointed mission to transform NFC from a loose federation of transport businesses into a cohesive international distribution group.

The City was always willing to forgive NFC its many weaknesses and organisational conflicts. The greatest was the way Exel and BRS were allowed to operate alongside each other for years. But these were preventing the group developing fully and the £45 million reorganisation should straighten such kinks.

Britain's distribution industry, spearheaded by companies such as Tibbett & Britten and Christian Salvesen, is one of the most developed in the world. In America and continental Europe, many retailers still rely on their own inefficient distribution or local wholesalers. If Mr Sherlock can build a network to service such customers, by acquisition or capital spending, the additional business should fall into his lap.

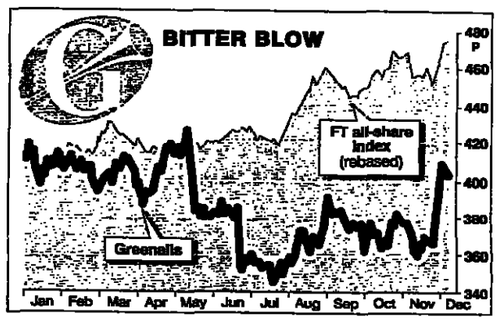
NFC still faces a series of potential problems. Lynx looks like a large hole to pour money down since the competition in the parcel delivery business is not likely to ease off. A sale or closure look inevitable. The supermarkets, which account for 12 per cent of the group's distribution revenues, are likely to squeeze its margins as the grocery price war intensifies. But the potential of NFC's core business is undeniable, and the rights money should allow the group to exploit it. At an ex-rights price of 237p, the shares trade on 18 times current year earnings which does not overvalue its prospects.

Greenalls

GREENALLS is doing its best to prove the doubters wrong. In answer to the almost universal criticism that it paid too much for Devenish in the summer, the group has squeezed £4.8 million out of the company in two months and should make cost savings of more than £3.5 million this year.

This early success has been vital in allowing the group to drive its Inns and Premier House, the pub-restaurant business, forward. The group's ability to outrun falling beer consumption by increasing its food sales depends on the exploitation of good managed houses, and Devenish provides the scope for that growth.

The trouble with Greenalls is it has too many potential pitfalls in its portfolio which could offset the strength of the managed estate. The poor result from De Vere, despite the strength of flagship hotels such as The Belfry, must mean the smaller hotels are doing abysmally. The £47 million writedown in hotel values perhaps heralds disposals. Greenalls' off-licences will come under supermarket pressure, as will its own-label spirit manufacturer. The latter also looks a disposal candidate. Such sales would strengthen the balance sheet and allow development of its managed estate. Otherwise, earnings may just edge ahead this year due to a higher tax charge. On 14 times' earnings, the shares are not dear, but Greenalls needs to slim for the City to appreciate its potential.



Courtaulds Textiles

THE warning from Courtaulds Textiles that profits are unlikely to reach last year's figure may be the first of many in the rag trade. The announcement curiously coincides with a managment in transition; Martin Taylor has shown a fine sense of timing by departing to Barclays Bank while a new chief executive and finance director are bedding in.

The public reasons for the setback are the sorry state of the French fashion industry and start-up problems at a new Aristoc plant in the UK. But investors with an ear to the ground anywhere near a British high street should have been less surprised by the company's statement. The retail sector had a good September, when suppliers and buyers were confirming their year-end requirements, but the grapevine suggests that fear of a nasty November Budget caused shoppers to keep a hold on their purses. Any hesitation in trade at this stage is serious for a company like Courtaulds which typically earns two-thirds of its profits in the second half, and some observers are pointing the finger at lingerie, a sector where Courtaulds is a big player. The market has shaved between £5 million and £9 million off full-year profits and if the high street is really looking soggy, this could be more than a minor setback.

McCarthy & Stone

MCCARTHY & Stone is moving in the right direction with gearing reduced and average land costs coming down, but the key question for the market is how fast it can move back into profit. McCarthy's competitors have dropped out and the company is in buying mode, hoping to pick up cheap inner city plots. Lower building costs and rising prices should form a virtuous circle leading to higher profits, so the bull argument goes.

Two factors could slow down the recovery: McCarthy's clients, of which 85 per cent are elderly women, have been holding off from purchases due to the house price slump which means they have less capital to finance their move to a retirement home. The low volume of residential sales does not suggest an imminent flight of the nation's widows from their homes. Furthermore, entry costs to the business are not high and any surge in demand will bring back competition. McCarthy should at least benefit from a few years' grace.

Hoskins

THE Stock Exchange never ceases to work in mysterious ways. Yesterday Hoskins Brewery's shares were suspended after it announced it was negotiating two acquisitions, one public, one private, following a press leak. Strangely, shares in its potential quoted target — LGW, the luxury goods importers — continue to trade.

The SE's says that Hoskins was only suspended because of its interest in Ronson, the private company, which could constitute a reverse takeover. If this is not a false market, it is difficult to imagine what is - not that it matters to the punters who were quick enough to make a turn on LGW shares.

Sunday trading will raise prices

From Mr Ian Clark

Sir, I enjoyed Graham Searjeant's article today (Sunday trading, business news, December 6). I would simply comment that he left out one of the main economic arguments against widespread deregulation: that it will inevitably put up consumer prices.

All sides in the debate agree that Sunday trading will not increase the real volume of retail spending, merely redistribute the same cake slightly differently among the main players.

As the costs of widespread Sunday trading are high (extra power, security, unsocial hours employment etc), prices will be forced higher. Perhaps by an extra 2 per cent to 3 per cent on weekday prices.

The rate of price rises in the DIY sector since 1985 (when widespread Sunday opening occurred) has been nearly double that of most other retail sectors. The Government's monthly price index demonstrates the inflationary impact very clearly.

Do we consumers really want the one-off cut in living standards that Sunday trading implies? Or does the Chancellor want to wipe out the fragile recovery in consumer spending, and stoke the inflationary fires again?

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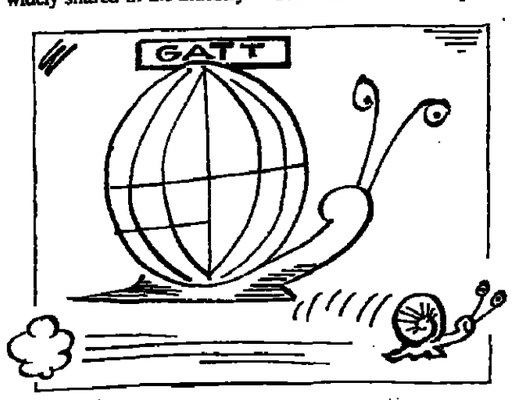
THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Warburg Wall Street winner

CHAMPAGNE corks are popping at the New York headquarters of SG Warburg over a deal that appears to indicate that the British bank can fight head to head with the major Wall Street powerhouses and emerge victorious. By BTR standards, the $113 million it has raised in an equity offering for Cummins Engine, the world's largest diesel company, is not large. But America's Morgan Stanley handled Cummins's last money-raising effort, and this time it did not. Warburg has managed the deal with an impressive team of co-managers: CS First Boston, Goldman Sachs and J P Morgan Securities. Its winning formula: research quality from 25-year Wall Street veteran analyst David Healy, a major market maker in Cummins's shares and having a relationship with the company for almost 30 years. Warburg got the deal away at $49, 37.5 cents above the market price prevailing when the offer was first filed, and the shares went to a premium after that. Equity offerings are traditionally priced at a 10 per cent discount to get them started. But after three teams staged roadshows to 225 investors in 23 cities of 11 countries, the offer was oversubscribed.

Film fun

WHILE Gatt trouble-shooters jetted between Washington, Brussels, Paris and Geneva in a last frantic dash to secure a Uruguay Round accord, Europe's film makers were airing their colourful views on multilateral trade at the Felix awards ceremony in Potsdam, eastern Germany. The French have not been alone in their battle to protect European cinema from Hollywood movie moguls. The sentiment is widely shared in the industry this side of the Atlantic that the Europeans are earnest dwarfs facing trivialising American film monsters. Not all the debate at Potsdam was, however, well informed about the audio-visual trade dispute engaging serious negotiators elsewhere. Between morsels of salt herring and pumpernickel, and mouthfuls of cheap eastern German sekt, most participants delivered the compulsory tirade against America for demanding that Europe must end subsidies for films and grant open access for US productions to Europe's television networks. Otto Sander, the German actor, confessed that he was no Gatt buff. Until a couple of years ago, he said, he had believed Gatt to be a creature from a Nordic myth. "Now I realise Gatt means film is being turned into a commodity," he said. Herr Brander has clearly learned something from the trade round — but not a lot.



Burning issue

FROM December 1, the government of Zaire was due to introduce a new banknote — called the zaire — at a rate of one new note for every three old. But due to transport problems the launch was delayed for ten days, angering members of the opposition who had begun burning large quantities of the old notes.

Berlin clubhouse

DEUTSCHE Telekom, the state-owned German telecoms company, has been giving rival British executives nightmares about its alliance with France Télécom. But for Rod Pounsett, a former producer of BBC Radio's *Today* programme, Deutsche Telekom has proved a valuable partner in an "all under one roof" media centre project in Berlin. Having spent the past four years in that media magnet Moscow, developing a "major project" with the Russian foreign ministry, the intrepid Pounset has set up shop in unified Germany's capital to add his pfennigworth towards the rebuilding of Berlin. As correspondents in the old federal village of Bonn are likely to have to shuttle back and forth to Berlin until the main government offices move there, there is great need for easily available, flexible working facilities. This is where the Pounsett concept comes in. Together with the Deutsche Telekom and Deutsche Interhotel, he is in the process of setting up "International Media Clubhouse Berlin" at the Radisson Plaza Hotel, two minutes walk from from Alexanderplatz and five minutes from the Brandenburg Gate. Bedrooms in the special support centre will have work stations, multiple telephone and fax connections — and the right sockets for most communications equipment you are likely to want to plug in. All it needs now is Kate Adie.

HOW to influence the client. A letter from Danesfield Securities addressed to Mr M.H.B. Peters Obe (sic) of Identica Ltd begins: Dear Mr Obe . . .

COLIN NARBROUGH

East Midlands payout lights up electricity shares

BY MARTIN WALLER, DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

SHARES in the electricity companies rose sharply as the dividends bonanza continued with an 18.9 per cent rise, to 6.8p, from East Midlands Electricity.

John Harris, the chairman, denied he was chasing the other three electricity distributors that have so far announced interim dividend increases well into double figures. He said the rise, which contains an element of "rebalancing" to increase the half-way payment at the expense of the final, reflected the company's financial performance.

But he warned customers that price rises above the inflation rate could not be ruled out next year, if the power industry's subsidy to Nuclear Electric, the nuclear generator, had to rise.

East Midlands boosted pre-tax profits from £56.5 million to £64 million in the half-year to September 30. Profits of the supply business grew by 22 per cent, to £6.6 million, and those of the distribution side by 18 per cent, to £71.1 million.

Performance of non-regulated businesses, partly the result of diversification since the 1989 privatisation, was more mixed. Contracting was £3.8 million in the red, compared with £4.1 million last year, but is on track for a return to profits in the second half of next year.

The Ambassador security offshoot, for which East Midlands paid £16 million in 1990, repeated last time's £1 million profit. The retail business, now merged with that of Yorkshire Electricity, slid to a £1.7 million loss, from £1.6 million while it was under East Midlands' full ownership last time. Mr Harris said the losses were in line with management plans to return the business to a profit within three years.

East Midlands is looking for a new finance director because Michael Carus, the incumbent, has opted for early retirement next year, at the age of 53. Mr Harris said there had been no disagreement and the question of compensation did not arise. "Michael thought it was time he moved out and on to other things."

The company has no plans to emulate distributors that have given customers rebates; it prefers to focus on this year's 3.2 per cent cut in average tariffs. But Mr Harris said that, while he hoped it would be possible to keep next year's rises to the rate of inflation, this might not be possible. The deciding factors would be the weather and, more significantly, the level of next year's nuclear levy.

The latter is paid by all the electricity companies to Nuclear Electric, and Mr Harris said the latter's recent gains in market share could cause the levy to rise, at the expense of distribution companies' customers.

East Midlands increased units distributed by 1 per cent in real terms, after allowing for the effect of the poor summer weather. "The East Midlands has always been a buoyant economy, and I think a number of manufacturers were doing well in Europe," Mr Harris said.



John Harris said big price rises were possible if the nuclear levy was increased

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Nikkei takes another hit

FROM ASSOCIATED PRESS IN TOKYO

TOKYO share prices plunged yesterday for the second time this week as disappointment persisted over delays in government action to bail out the sinking economy. The dollar edged down against the yen.

The Nikkei index lost 395.54 points, or 2.34 per cent, closing at 16,507.95. On Tuesday, the index had pulled back from heavy losses the previous day, gaining 63.11 points, or 0.37 per cent, to 16,903.49. On Monday, the Nikkei fell more than 600 points after Morihiro Hosokawa, the Prime Minister, said the government was not planning any immediate package of economic stimulation measures. Paul Migliorato, senior salesman at Jardine Fleming Securities, said investors' perception of political disarray contributed to the latest sell-off. Measures to stimulate Japan's sluggish economy could be delayed by disputes in parliament over rice imports and political reforms.

The Nikkei has fallen about 3,000 points, about 15 per cent, since the current downtrend began late in October. At the time, Mr Hosokawa's new seven-party coalition government was preoccupied with anti-corruption legislation, but it is now being pressed to deal with a slowdown that economists believe could last well into 1994. The downtrend, one of the steepest in Japan's three years of economic slowdown, began after Japanese manufacturers reported sharp profit declines across the board for the fiscal year half year that ended in September. Many companies announced job cuts or cutbacks in production.

The dollar closed at Y107.82 yesterday, down Y0.13 from Monday's finish but above its close in New York overnight of Y107.48. After opening at Y107.58, the dollar ranged between Y107.57 and Y107.85.

Takayuki Suto, a dealer at Citibank, said Japan's economic troubles gave investors little incentive to buy yen.

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Early Christmas for Leyland van workers

MORE than 1,000 workers at Leyland DAF Vans in Birmingham, which was rescued from the threat of closure in April, will receive an early Christmas present of £200 worth of ordinary and preference shares as a gesture of thanks. Managers secured a £40 million buyout of the plant after the parent company went into receivership, and has since built 7,000 vehicles.

Allan Arney, chief executive, said: "I'm delighted we have been able to make this gesture because it recognises the very real contribution all employees have made in setting up and successfully relaunching the company." The past year had been tough and traumatic, he said, but the company had reached the targets it set. The company, which is trading profitably, has started to export vans to Europe and achieved sales revenue of £80 million so far this year.

Countryside builds

COUNTRYSIDE Properties, the housebuilder and commercial developer, has returned to profit after a surge in house sales. The group sold 1,295 homes during the 12 months to September 30, up from 751 in the previous year helping to boost turnover from £79.7 million to £91.7 million. Pre-tax profit for the year was £4.7 million against a loss of £11.7 million in the previous year. Countryside is maintaining the dividend at 4.11p for the year.

Blick measures up

BLICK, the time measurement and communications equipment group, reports pre-tax profits of £9.4 million (£8.58 million) for the year to September 30. A 6.9p final makes a 10.2p total (9.2p). Demand had picked up well in the opening weeks of the current year. Blick, which bought Mercury's time management business for £57.6 million in October, said it would have a "slightly positive" impact on earnings this year, with a stronger contribution in 1995.

Philips sales shortfall

PHILIPS Electronics has confirmed that only 150,000 digital compact cassette (DCC) players have been sold since the product's launch in October 1992, against forecasts of between 750,000 and 1 million. A spokeswoman attributed this to the recession, adding that nine DCC brands and 22 models are now available, against three brands and three models when the product was launched. The product had done "remarkably well" at the top end of the audio market.

COMPANY NEWS IN BRIEF

AIRSPRUNG GRP
Pre-tax: £2.5m (£2.3m)
EPS: 6.41p (5.91p)
Div: 1.7p (1.58p)
Interim results. Turnover rose to £33 million from £28.6 million. Balance sheet remains strong with £5.8 million cash

CAFFYNS (Int)
Pre-tax: £830,000
EPS: 15.8p (0.4p loss)
Div: 5p (5p)
Previous interim profit was £102,000. Turnover rose to £74.7 million from £81.5 million. Recovery said to be slow and fragile

COURTS (Int)
Pre-tax: £2.7m (£1.9m)
EPS: 3.94p (1.23p)
Div: 2p (1.83p)
Sales rose to £104.78 million from £84.15 million. Trading in southern England still difficult and margins are being squeezed

FEEDBACK (Int)
Pre-tax: £267,900
EPS: 2.13p (2.41p)
Div: 0.5p (nil)
Previous interim profit was £340,600. Instruments saw strong export demand but data suffered lower order intake

IN SHOPS (Int)
Pre-tax: £735,000
EPS: 1.25p (1.7p)
Div: 0.70p (0.66p)
Previous interim profit was £903,000. Turnover rose to £14.3 million from £12.2 million. Conditions remained tough

ROLFE & NOLAN (Int)
Pre-tax: £609,000
EPS: 6.1p (8.9p)
Div: 2.805p (2.55p)
Previous interim profit was £707,000. Turnover rose to £6.1 million from £5.3 million. US operations still in the red

SHAFTESBURY (Fin)
Pre-tax: £1.01m
EPS: 3.5p (18.7p loss)
Div: Nil (nil)
Previous year showed loss of £5.29 million before tax. Net asset value has risen to 86p a share from 84p

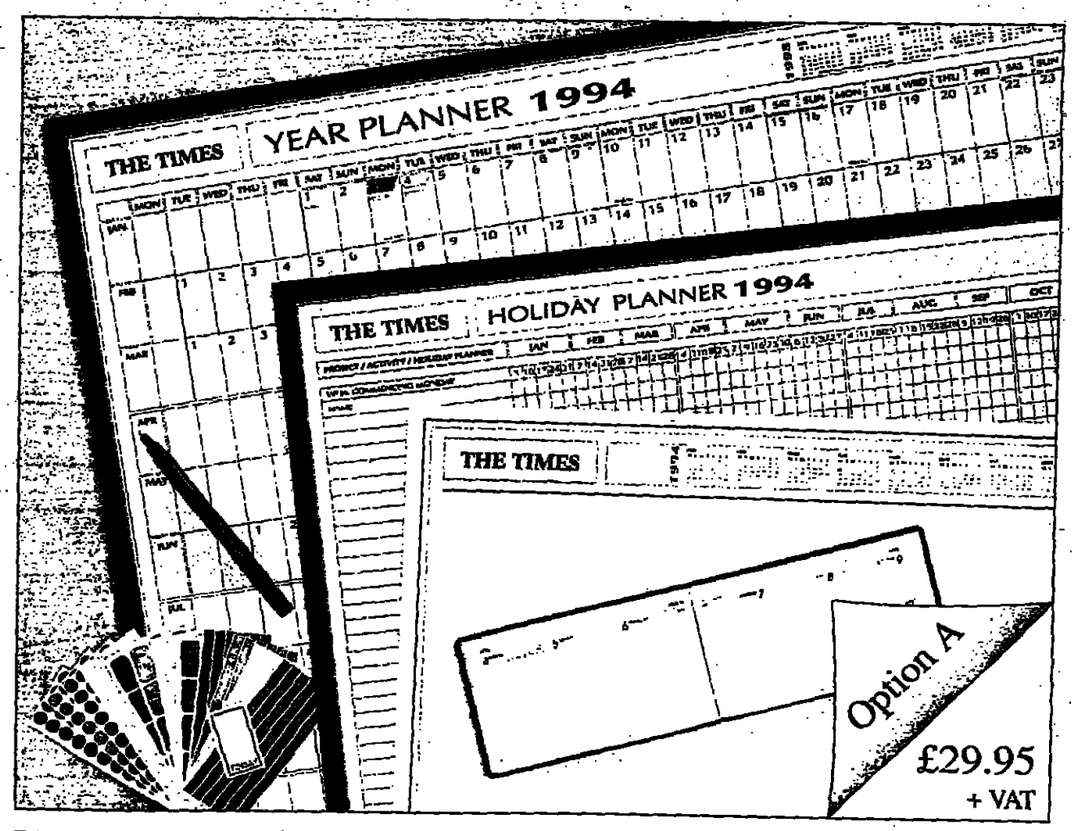
STERLING P'ING
Pre-tax: £1.3m (£1m)
EPS: 1.4p (0.7p)
Div: 0.7p (0.6p)
Interim results. Turnover rose to £17 million from £14.8 million. Publishing cycle still weighted towards second half

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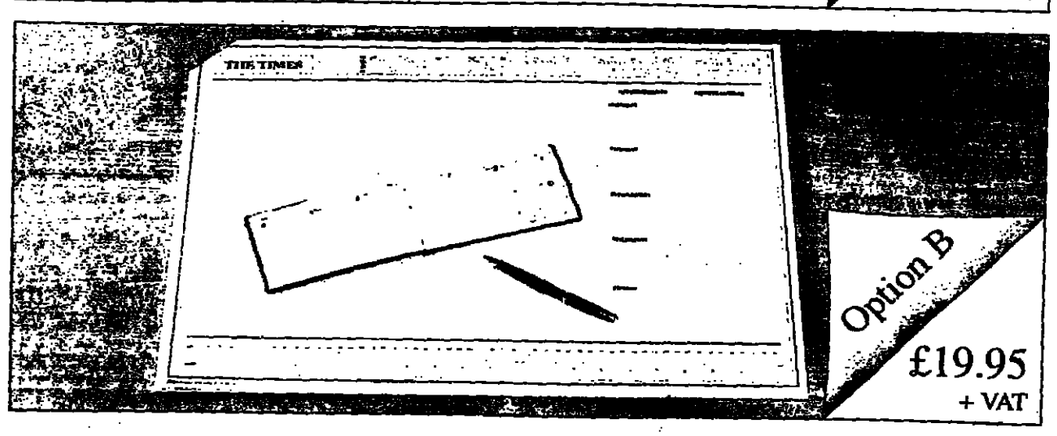
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BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
480	345	Abbey Ntl	480	+20	11.8	3.1	18.5
250	179	Allied Irish	276	-2	...	3.8	14.1
229½	130	Aus New Z	229½	+3½	...	4.0	—
3806¼	2712½	Bankamerica	3012½	...	...	...	...
295	177	Bk of Ireland	275	...	...	...	...
350	325	Bk Leumi UK	350	...	...	4.5	20.3
228½	116½	Bank Scotland	228	...	17.0	6.1	...
644	362	Barclays	642	+11	4.6	2.6	31.0
4½	2	Benchmark	4½	+16	...	2.4	...
23½	15½	Carlisle	22	...	...	...	5.9
598	395	Cater Allen	595	-3	28.0	6.0	...
153	85	Cattles	150	+5	...	...	...
2487½	1787½	Chase Manh	2275	-9½	...	3.8	20.0
2600	1343½	Citicorp	2425	+12½	...	...	...
485	230	Close Bros	485	...	...	...	...
£155	9275	Commerzbk	£155	+51½	...	2.8	17.6
£142	£250½	Deutsche Bk	£141½	+37½	...	2.6	...
95	45	First Nat Fin	60	-5	...	1.8	...
1651	876	Fuji Bank Y	1401	...	...	1.0	...
529	343	Gerrard Nat	454	...	...	0.4	...
805	490	HSBC	803	-5	21.5	5.9	12.1
811	474	HSBC HK	811	+15	20.0	3.1	19.2
403	243	Hambros	380	+13	20.0	3.1	19.4
428	313	Joseph (L)	420	-2	14.3	4.7	17.6
155	96	King Shaxson	135	...	16.7	5.0	...
542	312	Kleinwort Ben	542	...	9.0	8.6	...
665	492	Lloyds	654	...	16.7	3.9	18.8
118	63	Lon Scot Bk	95	+8	19.1	3.7	18.7
575	322	Nat Aust Bk	546	...	2.9	3.8	18.8
616	398	Nat West	615	+3	...	3.9	—
460	270	Provident	451	+16	17.8	2.6	37.4
54	39	Rea Bros	51	+11	12.4	3.5	19.5
462	207	Ryl Bk Scot	452	-1	0.5	1.3	54.2
1335	467½	Schroders	1235	+6	...	3.1	23.7
1237	570	Stand Chart	1237	+12	...	1.2	24.6
241	145½	TSB	241	+42	20.5	2.1	...
190	78	Union Disc	168	+6	6.4	3.3	...
940	529	Warburg SG	886	+1	...	2.8	13.0
8600	4843½	Wells Fargo	8300	+237½	...	2.4	...
205	121	Westpac	204	+4	...	2.5	—
325	188	Wintrust	318	-2	9.3	3.7	28.4

BREWERIES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
646	317	Allied-Lyons	633	+13	...	4.3	17.4
647	441	Bass	543	+10	...	4.7	14.3
299	189	Boddington	277	...	7.5	3.4	16.1
459	362	Bulmer (HP)	418	-5	...	3.0	18.2
184	129	Burtonwd Brw	183	...	4.7	3.3	15.3
134	75	Eldridge P 'A'	134	...	...	3.4	—
70½	50	Fosters Brewing	66½	+2	...	3.9	—
435	338	Fullr Sm 'A'	415	...	...	3.3	17.8
480	373	Grand Met	445	-11	...	3.7	17.0
427	347	Greenalls Grp	407	+2	...	3.9	13.7
575	505	Greene King	567	-2	...	2.7	16.0
521	388	Guinness	478	+9	...	3.2	17.9
281	230	Hardy Hansn	237	...	7.8	4.1	13.2
138	105	Hewitree	115	...	3.0	3.3	27.4
353	255	Highland Distl	334 †	+4	...	2.5	16.6
3138	2538	Holt J	3125	...	42.0	1.7	20.4
80	33	Hoskins Brew	78	...	...	...	56.2
323	250	Invrgordn Dist	301	...	...	2.9	17.2
186	118	Macallan-Glen	130	...	4.3	4.2	29.2
465	375	Macdn Martn 'A'	385 †	-8	...	2.9	18.4
225	164	Mansfield	193	+1	...	3.6	13.7
299	231	Mrston Thmp	282 †	-1	...	2.5	17.0
553	288½	Matthew Clark	553	...	...	4.1	18.4
300	210	Mrrydwn W	223	...	7.0	3.9	17.5
580	453	Morland	550 †	-28	9.7	2.2	—
12	6½	Paramount	8½	...	...	2.1	—
204	145	Regent Inns	203	-1	...	2.8	20.6
1308	753	SA Breweries	1208	+24	...	2.2	20.4
549	393	Scot & New	549	+22½	...	3.9	16.7
225	155½	Taunton Cider	161	-6	6.2	4.9	12.4
272	213	Vaux Group	272	+2	9.3	4.3	18.8
357	225	Wetherspoon JD	328	-1	...	2.1	25.5
574½	435	Whitbread 'A'	564 †	...	...	4.0	13.5
613	463	Wolvrhmptn D	532	...	11.8	2.8	15.0
515	475	Young 'A'	485 †	...	14.7	3.8	20.1

BUILDING, ROADS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
140	73	Abbey	140	...	...	1.7	23.0
25½	12½	Albrighton	19	...	...	...	...
148	87	Allen	146	-1	...	4.3	32.7
120	65	Amec	113	...	3.0	3.3	20.9
12	4	Anglia Sec	7½	...	...	...	...
326	150	Ashtead	323	+1	...	1.8	34.2
143	101	Attwoods	125 †	...	...	5.0	...
304	180	BPB Ind	304 †	+3	...	3.1	36.4
93	51	Baggeridge Brk	93	+3	3.1	4.2	31.3
31	18	Bailey (Ben) Con	26	...	0.6	2.9	...
108	74	Barcom	83	...	1.2	1.9	15.1
56½	33½	Barlon	42	-1	2.0	6.0	20.7
202	94	Barratt Devs	202	+8	4.0	2.5	—
460	305	Bellway	456 †	...	12.0	3.3	—
43	15	Bellwinch	41	+2	...	...	...
452	295½	Berkeley Gp	448	-1	...	1.7	28.1
116	45	Bett Bros	110 †	...	...	2.3	14.2
63	36	Blockleys	45	...	1.0	2.8	40.7
346	169	Blue Circle	339	+7	...	4.1	...
285	230	Boot (Henry)	273	...	6.0	2.7	15.3
106	79	Breedon PLC	92	...	4.6	6.2	22.6
131	82	Br Dredging	130	...	5.2	5.0	28.9
86	45	Brit Fittings	81	...	1.7	2.7	...
155	99	Bryant	155	+1	...	3.9	31.3
121	53	CALA	121	+1	...	2.4	...
340	200	CRH	329	-2	...	2.6	18.1
43	18	Cakebread Rby	30	...	...	...	...
41½	21	Costain	27½	...	...	...	...
150	86½	Countryside	141	-8	...	3.7	—
100	58	Crest Nicholson	99	...	0.0	...	...
112	27	Cussins	102	-1	...	1.2	...
7½	1½	Dunton	4½	...	...	...	...
25	15	Edmond Hldgs	19	...	0.3	2.0	...
285	178	Epwin	276	...	7.0	3.3	23.4
59	32	Erith	56	...	0.3	0.8	...
506	252	Eve Group	503	...	...	2.5	18.2
6½	3	Expamet	4½	...	...	...	...
140	97	Freeman Gp	131	...	...	4.8	20.8
50	38	Galliford	38	...	...	3.3	...
81	52	Gibbs & Dandy	79	-1	...	3.2	...
1115	695	Gleeson (MJ)	910 †	-5	...	1.8	15.8
164	90	Hewden-Stuart	156	...	...	2.6	27.8
51	28	Hewetson	46	...	...	3.4	33.6
386	186	Heywd Wms	380	...	13.0	4.5	...
119	37	Higgs & Hill	110	...	2.5	2.8	...
38	26	How Gp	27½	-½	...	5.1	...
21	15	Howard Hldgs	21	...	0.5	3.0	...
78	39	Ibstock Johnsen	68	...	1.0	1.8	...
19½	12½	Jarvis	19½	...	...	...	...
316	196	Laing (J)	303	-1	9.0	3.7	12.1
127½	103	-do- 6.4% Cv Pf	120½	...	...	6.6	...
110	55	Ln Clydeside	110	...	4.5	5.1	41.4
23	10½	Lovell (YJ)	15½	-½	...	...	7.0
350	240	Manders	316	+2	9.3	3.7	19.4
182	93	Marley	176	+6	4.2	3.0	51.6
127	61	Marshalls	120	...	...	4.2	...
190	122	Maunders (J)	190	...	6.5	3.4	18.3
217	96	McAlpine (A)	204	...	...	4.0	35.3
47	23	McCarthy & S	38	-1	0.5	1.6	...
479	272	Meyer Int	479 †	+7	...	2.6	48.0
129	62	Mowlem (J)	122	+2	4.0	4.1	...
165	51	NSM	155	...	...	...	...
55	48	Needler	48	...	...	3.7	22.4
171	106	Newman Tnks	157	...	...	5.3	21.0
300	197	Persimmon	279	...	8.6	3.9	28.5
26	10	Phoenix Timber	10	...	...	...	...
1725	1237½	Pochins	1550	...	28.0	2.4	21.9
163	80	Prowting	154	+1	3.4	2.8	...
6½	1½	Quiligotti	1½	...	...	...	...
906	555	RMC Gp	805	+5	...	2.8	33.6
117	75½	Raine Ind	81	...	...	4.6	19.2
36	18	Ramus	23	...	...	...	...
592	402	Redland	576	+13	25.0	5.4	33.5
86	64	Roskel	80	...	4.3	6.7	11.8
306	207	Rugby Group	306	+7	6.4	2.6	23.4
68	23	Syrfid-Bye	65	...	...	0.5	...
163	68	Sharpe & Fisher	162	...	...	3.1	28.2
248	86½	Sheffield Insl	248	+5	...	2.7	60.9
175	82	Sheriff Hldgs	175	...	...	1.6	26.1
95	66	Shorco	93	...	...	7.0	21.1
240	196	Smart (J)	222	...	...	4.8	16.7
6½	1½	Starmin	2	...	...	...	...
160	100	Tarmac	159	+½	3.5	4.3	...
194	137	Tay Homes	171	...	...	4.4	20.3
139	63	Taylor Woodrw	126	+5	1.0	1.0	...
633	433	Tilbury Dougls	610	+6	33.0	6.8	19.9
39	19	Torex Hire	34	...	...	1.5	...
292	168	Travis Perkins	292	+3	8.0	3.4	51.4
40	25	Try Group	28	...	1.0	4.5	7.9
28	21	Tudor	28	...	...	1.5	...
99	41	Vibroplant	80 †	...	2.5	3.6	30.9
65	20	Ward Hldgs	46	...	...	...	...
36	25	Waterhouse	33	...	...	...	...
475	360	Watts Blake	429	+2	...	3.5	18.5
21½	6½	Wescol	20	...	...	...	...
180	90	Westbury	179	...	5.0	3.5	27.9
12	4½	West Scaffold	7	...	...	...	...
4½	3	Wiggins	3½	...	...	...	...
457½	362	Wilson Bowdn	451	-2	...	2.5	31.7
205	147	Wilson (C)	183	-4	3.9	2.7	31.7
194	104	Wimpey G	165	-11	...	4.0	...
47	15	YRM	19	...	0.5	3.3	...

BUSINESS SERVICES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
675	463	ADT	594	-5	...	...	...
248	198	Adam & Harvey	248	...	13.0	6.6	4.5
93	56	Air London	61	...	...	7.2	10.9
56	37	African Lakes	44	...	2.0	5.7	...
178	93	Auto Sec	135	...	...	5.6	24.2
139	84	BET Ord	137½	+3	...	2.0	5.5
115	41	BNB Res	114	...	4.9	5.4	...
318	183	BPP	230	...	8.3	4.5	12.7
285	195	Barbour Index	240	...	8.0	4.2	16.4
28	15	Boustead	24 †	...	0.7	3.6	...
269	184	Bris Data Mgt	220	-10	4.7	2.7	16.0
26	11	Broadcastle	22	...	...	1.4	17.5
73	54	Brooks Service	61	-1	...	1.0	...
109	86	CRT Gp	97	+1	...	3.8	17.1
193	139½	Capita Group	189	-1	...	1.5	29.5
45½	31	Caskets Plc	42	...	...	2.7	16.1
55	18½	Chiltern Capital	22½	...	...	...	...
55	26	Christie	55	...	...	...	...
384	229	Chubb Sec	358	-7	...	1.8	22.1
116	90	Comac	109	...	...	1.7	28.5
37	6½	Corp Services	36	...	...	...	...
91	20	Coutts Cnslig	87	...	...	...	...
142	50	Dart	142	...	3.3	2.9	19.1
256	198	Davis Service	214	...	...	4.7	16.1
124	85	EW Facts	124	+9	4.4	4.5	14.2
32	11	Gardiner	26½	-½	0.4	2.0	18.4
277	215	Hays	266	...	...	2.5	23.2
248	174	Hogg Robinsn	234 †	...	...	3.6	17.1
70	34	Holmes Protectn	39	...	...	...	2.4
288	127	Husch Wharmp	284	-2	...	1.7	23.8
2175	975	ISS B DKr	2050	...	...	1.0	14.1
637	475	Inchcape	528	+2	...	3.3	17.2
875	669	Johnson Clean	868	...	25.7	3.7	18.9
12	2½	Lep	7½	...	...	...	...
288	173	Mitie Gp	271	...	3.5	1.6	21.1
1187	865	Manpower	1100	+4	...	...	...
62	40½	Michael Page	59	...	1.8	3.8	25.1
279	115	Pennat	115 †	...	...	8.7	4.3
4½	2	Prime People	3½	...	...	...	...
142	57	Proudfoot Alex	64	...	...	29.3	3.5
423	337	RCO	378	-6	14.1	4.7	13.0
118	86	REA	96	-1	2.0	2.6	...
108	43	Reed Executive	95	...	...	...	...
156	108	Reliance Sec	110	...	...	5.1	23.9
238	178	Rentokil	212	+4	2.5	1.5	20.4
283	220	Rolfe & Nolan	280	-1	...	3.4	15.6
399	334	Salvesen (C)	348	+1	...	2.8	19.1
39	2½	Scot Pickford	35	...	...	2.9	11.2
10	5	Select App	7½	...	...	...	...
1278	695	Seren Gp	1270	-3	13.3	1.3	35.1
352	83	Sherwd Cmpe	101	+4	...	8.7	2.9
130	90	Skechley	100 †	...	...	3.8	22.9
355	310	Warner Howrd	330	...	6.6	2.5	17.2
45	27	Welpac	28	...	...	...	...
28	14	Wills Gp	26	...	...	1.9	18.2

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
248	210	Allied Colloids	229	+1	...	2.4	21.0
984	613	Amersham	984	+17	...	1.8	34.0
7	1½	Anglo Utd	2	...	...	...	...
£112	8325	BASF DM	£111½	+137½	...	5.9	...
300	199	BTP	292	+6	...	4.1	19.9
£135½	£101½	Bayer DM50	£135½	+162½	...	4.0	...
178	118	Blagden	123	-1	6.5	6.6	13.3
165	93	Brent Chems	116	+1	...	8.0	10.6
530	345	Br Bio-Tech	365	...	...	...	...
29	5½	Caird Gp	5½	-½	...	22.2	15.3
180	126	Canning (W)	145	...	7.2	6.3	16.6
608	421	Courtaulds	445 †	-1	...	4.0	11.1
347	228	Croda	343	-2	...	2.9	19.7
149	121	Doeflex	122	...	4.6	4.7	9.4
226	175	Ellis & Everard	213	+2	...	4.1	20.4
42½	15½	Euro Colour	35	-½	0.8	3.1	16.8
348	259	Halstead (J)	348	+3	...	2.3	17.2
241	150	Hickson	159	+1	...	6.3	14.7
£118	8950	Hoechst	£112½	+100	...	3.2	...
229	170	Holliday Chem	170	-2	...	2.7	15.7
777	608	ICI	757½	+10½	...	4.5	...
693	576	Laporte	684	+5	19.9	3.6	18.9
230	181	Leigh	198	...	...	5.0	18.9
97½	35	MTM	47	...	...	...	...
2050	1462½	Norsk Hydro	1875	+12½	...	1.5	20.7
454	370	Paterson Zoch	451	...	...	3.5	15.2
420	360	-do- 'A'	405	...	...	3.9	13.7
296	190	Plysu	202	-4	...	4.3	13.2
303	173	Porvair	292	...	3.8	1.6	31.2
70	39	Sutcliffe Speak	47	...	...	...	...
485	412	Wardle Storeys	420	...	...	5.1	10.4
550	395	Wolstnhlme R	548	...	17.0	3.9	18.7
425	330	Yorks Chem	395	...	...	2.5	21.2
300	233	Yule Catto	260	-1	...	2.9	16.2
799	592	Zeneca	789	-1	...	4.4	46.8

DRAPERY, STORES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
102	53	Alexon	66	-1	...	5.7	...
87	42	Amber Day	81	+1	1.3	2.8	—
372	257	Argos Plc	372	+4	...	2.4	31.8
25	9½	Ashley Group	11½	...	...	2.0	...
118	69	Ashley (Laura)	85	...	0.1	0.1	...
330	278	Asprey	315	+2	5.2	2.1	21.3
154	94	Austin Reed	147	+1	...	2.1	...
155	125	Beattie (J) 'A'	148	...	...	5.2	14.9
121	94	Bentalls	110	...	1.9	2.2	...
278	132	Betterware	149	...	...	1.8	17.8
47	22	Blacks Leis	41	...	2.2	7.0	...
227	133	Body Shop	211	-1	...	1.0	27.2
16½	10½	Brown & Jackson	10½	-½	...	0.9	5.5
434	318	Brown (N)	423	-1	...	2.2	24.8
87½	61½	Burton	64	-½	2.0	4.0	—
190	126	Castors	190	+3	4.0	2.6	—
360	295	Church	334	...	12.5	4.7	29.7
183	97	Clinton Cards	153	-2	4.3	3.6	18.5
280½	212	Coats Viyella	274	+1	...	3.4	37.9
112	78	Colourvision	83	...	5.6	8.4	14.9
181	154	Cray Casuals	159	...	...	3.3	14.6
935	374	Courts Furnish	885	-13	5.6	0.8	12.1
155	115	Crown Eyes	140	-5	...	6.8	9.4
170	89	Dairy Farm Intl	115	+3	...	3.2	16.9
91½	51½	Dewhirst (IJ)	91½	...	0.8	1.1	29.4
283	180	Dixons Grp	200	-2	...	2.7	...
21	8	ERA Gp	8½	...	...	...	69.7
530	400	Elys (Wimbldn)	530	...	16.0	3.8	18.2
166	71	Essex Furn	150	...	...	2.9	24.0
273	203	Etam	220 †	...	7.0	3.8	21.1
608	499	Fine Art Dev	574	-1	13.7	2.8	18.8
70	26	Fired Earth Tiles	47	...	...	...	...
623	498	Forminster	623	+3	14.0	2.8	11.3
180	34	French Conna	116	-1	...	...	...
74	43	Gent SR	67	-2	...	3.9	20.8
78	23	Goldsmiths Gp	78	...	0.3	0.5	...
600	334	GUS	582	-2	...	2.4	18.6
40	23	Hampden Grp	29	...	...	3.4	11.4
277	38	Harrisone	33	-5	...	10.6	...
29	20	Helene Plc	28½	...	2.0	8.8	13.5
85	29	Heritage	85	+10	...	...	...
79	35	Honeysuckle	68	+1	...	4.1	—
161	63	Jacques Vert	154	...	...	2.4	11.8
746	496	Kingfisher	744	+10	...	2.3	25.6
74	62½	Leslie Wise Gp	73	...	4.0	6.8	15.0
685	495	Liberty	545	...	7.2	1.7	64.3
335	241	Lloyds Chem	312	-2	...	2.9	11.0
152	120	MFI	146	+2	...	3.3	30.7
457	311	Marks Spencer	451½	+2	...	2.3	23.1
580	445	Menzies (John)	560	-2½	...	2.4	15.9
253	135	Moss Bros	232	+3	5.5	3.0	27.2
212	139½	Next	204	-3	3.5	2.1	24.4
41	15	Oliver (G)	39	...	...	...	...
324	197	Ostlame Intl	318	-1	...	3.9	15.4
63	34½	Pentos	34½	-½	0.8	2.8	7.2
313	185	OS Hldgs	225	...	5.1	2.9	16.0
69½	29	Rhino Grp	61	-1	...	...	...
170	120	Rosebys	170	...	...	3.6	20.4
181	135	Sherwood Gp	147	+1	...	2.2	13.2
131½	93	Sears	128	...	...	3.4	...
41½	11	Signet Group	18½	-1½	...	...	...
512	400	Smith WH 'A'	490	-2	...	3.6	16.1
20	4½	Specialeyes	17	...	...	...	...
230	176	Storehouse	227	-3	...	2.8	22.2
191	148	T & S Stores	149	-1	6.0	5.0	11.1
162	71	Tie Rack	143	...	1.0	0.9	23.4
239	160	Time Products	232 †	...	7.7	4.2	20.0
128	63	Usher (Frank)	108	...	...	6.9	9.3
364	302	Vendome	357	-2	...	2.2	16.6
45	27	Vivas	36	...	1.0	3.5	11.1
48	34	Wensum	44	...	...	5.3	...
120	76	Wickes	107	-4	...	0.2	48.7
78	45	Wld of Leather	54	...	...	...	...
192½	142	Wyevale	171	...	...	3.1	22.6
4	2½	Xtra-vision	2½	...	...	...	...

ELECTRICALS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
187	134	ACT Group	150	+1	...	4.2	15.1
275	223	Acale	266	...	...	3.1	18.4
162½	38	Acorn Comp	50	...	...	...	45.6
480	385	Admiral	470	...	5.7	1.5	19.9
170	106	Alba	163	...	...	3.7	20.3
50	19½	Alphameric	39½	...	...	...	...
55	22	Amstrad	42	...	0.5	1.5	—
128	61	App Holo	76	+2	...	...	...
43	9½	Arlen	35	...	...	...	...
88	35½	Astec	74½	...	...	0.4	...
253	224	Beales Hunter	235	+1	...	5.0	14.5
9	2	Bennett & Fount	2½	...	...	...	...
446	319	BICC	403	+3	19.2	6.0	...
558	408	Blick	440	-5	10.2	2.9	—
1700	925	Borland	1200	...	...	...	...
372	274	Bowthorpe	372	...	6.4	2.2	24.3
484½	376	BT	473½	+6½	...	4.3	18.0
235½	150	BT P/P	221	+6	...	4.2	22.4
18½	9½	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	15½	-½	0.1	0.8	...
160	48	Burnfield	55	...	5.7	13.1	8.7
509	334½	Cable Wireless	490	...	...	1.9	25.9
27½	11½	Chloride	23½	...	...	...	...
273	120	CML Micro	220	...	...	2.2	19.6
115	74	Comptr People	108	...	...	...	...
164	108½	Cray Elect	154	...	...	1.2	15.8
433	243	Critchley	423	...	...	1.4	24.2
554	414	Delta	475	...	...	3.7	19.8
443	205	Denmans El	443	...	...	1.7	18.9
620	395	Domino	420	...	7.4	2.2	14.3
66	48	Dowding Mills	64½	...	...	4.8	27.6
1210	865	Druck	1210	+7	10.0	1.0	25.8
482	358	Electrocomps	480	...	...	2.7	19.6
710	470	El Data Prc	625	-2	5.5	1.1	—
146	43	Electron Hse	135	...	2.6	2.4	29.6
30½	10½	Elmess	19	...	0.1	0.7	...
650	462	Eurotherm	650	...	8.5	1.6	29.6
187½	108	FKI	185 †	+3	...	2.2	27.1
547½	340	Farnell Elec	538	...	...	1.5	28.5
91	33	Feedback	85	+2	...	3.1	10.6
18	1	Ferranti	1 #	...	...	...	...
280	101	First Tech	273	-2	...	0.5	22.7
270	81	Forward Gp	239 †	...	...	2.1	21.6
22½	13½	Forward Tech	14½	...	...	...	...
367½	264	GEC	322	-1	10.4	4.1	15.9
199	132	Graseby	153	+3	...	8.9	32.2
14	7½	Graystone	10½	...	...	...	...
53	36	Hilclare	41	...	...	1.5	...
169	83	INSTEM	135	...	...	2.9	9.7
169	118	Ind Control	150	...	...	3.7	15.1
388	320	Jones Stroud	388	...	...	2.8	15.6
105	26	Kalamazoo	100	...	2.7	3.4	23.0
19	8	Kembury	12½	...	0.1	1.6	...
349	260	Kenwood App	330	+3	...	3.0	18.3
265	47	Kewill Sys	235	...	...	...	...
209	100	Kode	165	...	6.0	4.5	19.6
60	16	Laser-Scan	19	...	...	...	...
365	132	LBMS	160	...	...	0.6	22.6
300	205	Lec Refrig	236	...	9.0	4.2	...
179	129	Life Sciences	132	...	3.7	3.6	14.3
285	164	Logica	266	-1	...	1.9	30.7
58	44	LPA Ind	53	...	...	8.5	14.7
229	162	MR Data Mngmt	215	...	...	3.0	20.2
718	523	Macro 4	650	-5	...	3.4	19.8
243	175½	Memvier-Sw	235	...	...	2.0	20.8
3015	968	Micro Focus	1000	+12	...	...	9.2
227	144	Microgen	146	...	7.2	6.2	9.9
39½	23½	Microvitec	32	-½	...	...	...
528	357	Misys	523	-1	...	1.7	19.1
384	98	Mitel	394	-22	...	...	...
153	108	MMT Comp	143 †	...	...	3.5	19.5
52	16	Molynx	40½	...	1.3	...	...
272	202	MTL Inst	250	...	...	1.9	18.8
165	103	Multitone Elec	140 †	...	3.5	3.1	25.4
240	116	Murray Enter	233	...	...	2.1	...
3306½	2612½	NYNEX	2800	-12½	...	...	...
188	128	Neotronics	138	-2	2.6	2.5	16.5
65	42	Newmark (L)	56	...	...	...	...
277	48	Norbain	269	-1	...	0.7	20.7
75	20	Northumber	58	...	0.6	1.3	...
15½	6½	Oceonics	6½	-½	...	...	...
300	195	Oxford Inst	294	-1	4.6	2.0	20.1
83	48	P-E Intern'l	73	...	...	...	...
81½	29	P & P	57	-4	1.5	3.3	30.3
85	55	Peek	79	-1	3.4	3.4	20.6
227	115	Pegasus	210	...	...	3.8	53.9
9750	9000	Philips Fn 4%	9750	...	...	5.9	...
1437½	725	-do- Lmp cv	1350	...	...	...	...
313	211	Phonelink	312	+1	...	...	...
250	171½	Pileo	215	+1	...	1.9	23.1
280	151½	-do- 'A' Voting	265	+1	...	1.9	22.2
96	63	Plasmec	73	...	...	5.1	6.2
120	76	Prestac	103	...	...	3.1	21.8
188	81	Psion	171	-1	...	1.8	45.4
261	147	Racal Elect	158	...	4.2	3.4	9.3
70	41	Radamec	41	...	...	4.6	8.8
70	24	Radius	27	...	2.2	10.4	9.3
92	61	Real Time	73	...	...	5.1	15.0
35	18	Riva	26	...	...	...	33.0
629	367	Sage Gp	475	+31	9.9	2.6	—
348	222	Sanderson Elec	299	-1	9.9	4.1	12.7
88	49	Scantronic	77	+1	3.1	5.1	19.4
181	117	Scholes Grp	155	...	...	4.0	33.1
375	270	Sema Gp	313	-5	2.9	1.2	25.4
42	26	Silverthorne	41	+1	...	2.9	...
51	37	Soundtracks	51	...	...	5.6	17.2
2675	1737½	TDK	2150	-25	...	1.5	24.3
37	4½	TDS Circuits	11½	...	...	...	...
198	80	Telemetrix	144	-3	0.8	0.7	23.7
1017	808	THORN EMI	998	+9	...	4.0	22.9
152	96	Thorpe FW	133	...	...	2.5	15.5
103	38	Total Systems	38	...	3.0	9.9	6.7
575	372	Tunstall	573	...	7.0	1.5	—
295	164	Unitech	259	+4	...	2.9	61.4
11½	6	Verity	9½	+½	...	...	...
35	22½	Vistec	25½	...	...	1.8	14.5
585	367	Vodafone	568 †	+11	...	1.7	24.7
473	368	Volex	434	+5	18.1	5.4	17.1
26	11	Western Selecm	19	...	...	...	...
290	223	Wholesale Fitgs	260	...	11.7	5.6	27.6

ELECTRICITY

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
635	389	East Midlands	631	+15	...	4.1	11.1
659	390	Eastern Elect	653	+7	...	3.9	12.3
449	304	Hydro-Elect	448½	+17½	...	3.2	16.3
637	404	London Elect	632	+4	...	3.9	14.0
719	458	Manweb	716	+17	...	3.7	10.3
690	424½	Midlands Elec	685	+10	...	3.9	10.7
446	273	National Powr	445	+22½	...	3.1	11.0
696	440	Northern Elec	693	+19	...	3.9	10.0
287	100	Nthn Ireland	287	+26	...	3.3	12.9
706	439	Norweb	703	+15	20.0	3.6	10.9
499	273	PowerGen	498	+23	...	2.8	13.1
453	285	Scottish Power	452	+19	...	3.5	16.6
708	436	Seeboard	704	+9	...	3.6	11.4
716	469	Sth Wales	712	+13	...	4.1	10.8
661	426	Sth Western	657	+1	...	3.8	10.4
676	406	Southern Elec	671	+13	...	3.7	12.3
668	488	Yorkshire Elec	661	+3	...	3.9	12.5

FINANCE, LAND

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
60½	50	Aitken Hume	55	...	1.0	2.3	11.7
133	47	BWD	128	...	...	3.3	20.0
101	26	Baltic Plc	100	...	...	1.2	...
625	413	Caledonia	625 †	+2	...	3.1	23.2
1850	1075	Camellia	1825	...	...	2.1	6.8
318	263	Candover	304	...	10.4	4.3	21.5
291	71	Flexitech	291	-2	...	0.2	...
352	155	Govett	338	+3	...	4.9	9.8
128	125	Ivory Sime	105	...	...	4.9	15.5
6½	3	LIT	5½	...	...	...	...
240	154	Lon Fortaimg	235	...	8.7	4.6	17.1
77	47	Manakin	76	...	5.0	8.2	—
12½	3½	Nat Home Loan	9½	-½	...	...	...
32	40	Newmarket	32	...	...	...	...
341	246	Rathbone Brs	304	...	6.5	2.7	18.5
26	17	Rutland Tst	20	...	...	3.0	11.9
340	253	S & U	311	+2	10.2	4.1	11.6
63	48	Singer & Friedl	79	...	...	4.3	...
1038	713	Sotheby's	993	-12	...	3.4	...
126	115	SJP Capital	116	...	3.0	3.2	47.8

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
2556½	1487½	Amer Express	2137½	+80	...	...	...
1135	835	Henderson Ad	970 †	-5	...	5.4	22.4
200	92	Invesco	171	-4	...	2.2	...
292	164	Jardine Strat	269	-1	...	2.9	11.2
253	154	MAI	253	+9	...	3.4	16.0
728	380	MAM	680	-2	16.0	2.9	17.0
1008	633	M & G	947	-4	...	2.8	25.2
433	100	Smith New Crt	407	-4	...	2.2	4.0
81	45	Trio Hldgs	51	...	...	7.4	...

FOODS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
548	496	AB Food	540	+1	...	3.5	11.0
77½	46½	ASDA Group	49½	+1	1.6	4.0	11.9
320	170	Acatos & Hutch	316	...	7.6	3.0	18.2
80	35	Albert Fisher	63	...	3.7	7.4	—
407	246	Argyll	289	+1½	...	5.3	9.2
230	160	Banks (S C)	220	...	9.0	5.1	9.8
402	305	Barr (AG)	310	+5	6.5	2.6	15.7
85	57	Bensons Crsps	62	...	...	5.7	13.9
141	100	Berisford Intl	106	...	...	...	...
455	357	Booker	390	...	...	7.0	33.8
52	35	Borthwick	50	...	...	3.0	61.5
505	405	Brake Bros	474	...	6.3	1.7	19.7
51	38	Budgen	41	...	...	3.0	12.5
503	407	Cadbury-Schw	469	+2	...	3.6	16.6
143	78	Carrs Milling	136	-1	3.9	3.8	25.6
196	133	Cranswick	137	...	...	7.4	10.1
22	8½	Cullens	13	...	0.5	4.8	37.5
384	119	Dalepak	127	-3	6.0	5.9	10.0
521	424	Dalgety	470	-7	...	5.5	13.4
54	27	Daniels S	50	...	...	0.6	...
257	191	Devro	256	...	...	2.7	24.3
134	99	Everest	101	...	...	4.6	18.3
383	269	Fairpak	374	...	5.7	1.9	23.0
10	3	Farringford	7	...	...	...	...
94	64	Finlay (James)	73	...	...	7.1	24.2
125	78	Fyffes	100	...	...	1.5	18.0
483	307	Geest	308	...	8.1	3.3	13.9
16	7	Global	14	...	...	4.5	21.8
50	43	Grand Central	49	...	0.8	2.0	...
203	139	Hazlewood Fds	153	...	...	5.4	8.5
175	131	Hillsdown	150	...	8.8	7.3	11.8
250	146	Iceland Group	150	+2½	...	2.9	9.5
131	92	JLI Group	99	-4	...	6.0	10.8
853	543	Kwik Save	545 †	+1	...	4.2	9.8
282	144	Low (Wm)	152 †	...	...	6.9	5.3
83	41	Matthews (B)	76	...	2.3	3.9	49.8
19½	11	Merchant Retail	13	-½	0.9	9.3	26.2
174	84	Morrison (W)	92	+3	...	1.1	12.0
233	177	Nichols (JN)	226	...	5.5	3.1	16.4
291	209	Nthn Foods	224	+5	...	4.8	10.8
20½	8	Nrthmbrn Fos	9	...	...	...	...
229	172	Nurdin Peack	190	...	...	4.1	10.5
251	205	Park Foods	244	...	...	3.1	18.8
115	60	Perkins Food	60	-14	...	9.3	6.9
114	47	PizzaExpress	107	...	...	0.6	22.6
9	1½	Regina Hlth	3½	...	...	...	...
584	360	Sainsbury J	417 †	+9	...	3.1	14.6
86	33	Sentry Farm	73	...	...	2.6	13.1
225	94	Shiro Food	100	-2	...	8.3	18.9
439	355½	Tate & Lyle	394 †	-2	...	4.1	10.4
273	176	Tesco	195	...	...	4.7	8.9
211	123	Thorntons	167	+1	...	2.7	...
183	101	Trent	144	...	...	3.2	16.4
410	300	Unigate	351 †	+1	...	5.8	11.5
437	326	Utd Biscuits	348	+3	...	5.5	21.5
24½	18½	Osborne	21	...	...	3.2	15.5
337	248	Watson & Phil	273	-2	13.2	6.0	14.2

HOTELS, CATERERS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
26	12	Abrdn Stk Hs	26	...	1.5	2.4	20.0
93½	77	City Centre Rest	83	...	...	3.8	19.5
252	170	Forte	249	+3	...	4.7	29.6
215	148	Friendly Hotels	152	...	...	...	...
11½	5	Harmony Leis	9½	...	...	...	...
147	87	Jurys Hotel	147	...	...	4.3	11.9
222½	142	Ladbroke	152	+6½	11.1	9.2	13.0
85	59	Mandarin Orntl	78	...	...	4.3	19.3
59	44	Queens Moat	47½	...	...	3.7	...
99	83	-do- 7¼% cnpr	85 #	...	7.5	11.0	...
2½	½	Regal Hotels	1½	...	...	...	...
35	28	Resort Hotels	45 †	...	3.4	9.6	8.8
24	11½	Ryan Hotels E	18½	...	...	6.4	...
855	700	Savoy Hotel 'A'	800	...	7.0	1.1	...
66	34½	Stakis	59	-3	...	1.0	...

INDUSTRIALS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
218	19	AAF Inds	39	...	...	28.2	2.4
616	455	AAH	483	...	...	4.5	16.1
185	123	AIM	138	...	7.5	6.8	8.4
132	88	APV	114	...	...	5.9	...
238	81	ASW	159	...	...	4.7	...
186½	118	Adwest	156	...	...	5.8	15.0
38	30	Aerospace Eng	19	-2	...	4.9	25.0
281	249	Airsprung	269	-5	...	2.2	17.1
189	113	Alenda W	184	...	4.1	2.8	29.1
13½	6½	Allied Radio	7	...	...	...	...
292½	207½	Alumasc	280	...	...	2.6	16.5
48	17	Alvis	43	...	1.0	3.5	7.4
685	345	Amber Ind	685 †	...	...	3.5	15.7
56	45	Amberley Gp	48	+1	...	2.6	...
107	75	Anagen	81	...	...	...	...
145	75	Andrews Sykes	82	-2	...	6.7	...
1005	703	Antofagasta	953	...	...	2.1	17.6
54½	37	Armour	45½	-1½	...	4.5	10.8
170	143	Ash & Lacy	158	...	6.4	5.1	16.2
4	2½	Ass Br Eng	3½	+½	...	1.9	...
541½	434	Avon Rubber	484	-4	...	6.4	—
264	168	Assoc Nursg	267	...	...	0.5	16.3
687½	508	Atlas Equip	503	...	...	5.5	12.6
81	35	Ayrshire Metal	66	-2	...	...	...
190	142	BBA	182	+2	...	5.2	15.5
91	28	BLP Group	91	...	...	...	...
77	13	BM Gp	21½	+1	0.5	3.7	...
770	590	BOC	644 †	+3	...	4.5	15.2
79½	50	BSG	60	-½	...	6.7	20.9
505	333	BSS Group	505	+10	...	4.3	27.9
409½	318	BTR	365	+5	...	4.0	19.3
221	147	BWI	150	-9	...	5.6	13.9
30	25½	Babcock	28½	+½	...	4.8	17.2
9	4½	Bailey (CH)	7½	...	...	...	...
289	203	Baird (Wm)	242 †	-15	8.9	4.6	16.8
1062½	550	Barlow Rand	743½	+28½	...	4.5	—
65	48	Bayner (Charles)	61	...	...	3.0	25.0
15	4	Beauford	4½	...	...	...	...
10	2	Beckenham	2½	...	...	...	...
34	15	Bedford (W)	28	...	...	...	...
27½	15	Benson Group	16½	...	...	2.3	12.5
707	285	Bespak	310	...	10.0	4.0	9.7
133	55	Bibby (J)	60	-3	2.0	4.2	—
312	129	Billam (J)	269	-2	5.3	2.5	13.6
41	21½	Bilsmn Brtsea	29	...	...	...	...
1½	2	Bimec Ind	3½	...	...	...	...
228	118½	Birkby	228	+4	3.5	1.9	21.6
45	39	Black Arrow	29 †	...	2.1	9.1	9.1
1½	½	Black & Edgtn	1½	...	...	...	...
253	136	Black (Peter)	251	+1	3.7	1.9	22.1
590	129	Bluebird Toys	583	+3	...	1.0	17.2
322	220	Bodycote	261	-5	...	2.5	16.7
40	23	Bogod 'A'	30	...	0.7	2.9	11.2
363	416	Boots	545	+5	...	3.1	21.5
61	42	Booth Inds	49	...	0.7	1.8	...
523	402	Bowater	451	+13	...	3.3	18.8
1682	1189	Bowater Inc	1434	+40	...	...	...
279	199	Boxmore Intl	253	+3	...	1.9	18.9
19	12½	Brasway	15½	...	...	4.1	...
308	204	Brammer	290	...	13.0	5.6	21.6
22	12	Bridgend Gp	20	...	0.4	...	...
125	64	Brkdon	120	+2	...	4.2	...
88	53	Bridport-Gndry	71 †	...	2.5	4.4	—
48	31	Brierley Inv	47	...	...	7.2	11.4
308	190	Br Bldg & Eng	190	...	8.0	5.3	—
84	42	Br Bloodstock	83	...	...	...	...
528	415	Br Polythene	420	-1	...	3.1	15.1
131½	54	Br Steel	130½	+2	...	1.4	...
180	80	Br Syphon	85	...	...	4.4	23.8
185	115	Br Thornton	183	+3	...	1.7	20.0
268	215	Br Vita	242	-3	7.3	3.8	14.9
15½	5½	Britton Grp	14	...	...	1.6	...
805	555	Broken Hill	748	+14	...	2.4	35.3
112	78	Bromsgrove Ind	92	...	...	6.0	12.0
10½	6½	Brooke Tool	9	...	...	...	...
73	40	Brown & Tawse	40	...	...	...	...
132	91	Bullough	132	...	6.0	5.7	22.6
34	11½	Business Tech	15	...	...	...	...
28	12	CT Group	14 †	...	0.5	5.1	13.4
42	11	Campbell & Arm	39	-1	...	...	...
39	6½	Cannon St	32½	...	...	...	...
260	105	Cape	258	...	...	5.1	17.2
369	254	Caradon	369	+4	...	3.0	28.8
179	128	-do- pf	179	+2½	7.2	5.1	...
254	178	Carclo Eng	254	...	8.6	4.2	18.1
2880	2125	Carnaud Md	2138	...	...	2.9	—
78	68	Cassidy Bros	78	...	...	3.8	12.8
225	158	Castings	225	+15	4.6	2.6	15.8
71	55	Cathay Ind	65	-1	...	...	...
195	113	Chmbrlin Hill	170	-5	6.5	4.8	10.6
753	605	Charter	718	-1	...	3.9	10.9
345	220	Chemring	315	...	...	3.3	19.0
92	45	Chlclain Gp	48	-2	4.5	11.7	10.3
49½	15½	Chillington	38	...	1.0	3.4	...
235	144	Christies Int	213	+1	...	0.9	52.9
65	34	Clayhithe	65	...	...	4.8	...
95	55	Clayton Son	56	...	...	...	...
7	7	Cq Designers	7 #	...	...	...	...
405	208	Cohen (A)	403	...	...	1.1	...
241	179	Community H	240	...	...	3.6	16.4
246	180½	Concentric	206	...	5.8	3.6	—
288	120	Cook (Wm)	255	...	6.0	2.9	15.4
233	182	Cookson	208	-2	...	3.6	27.3
76	38	Copymore	71	...	...	1.8	21.7
238	130	Crawl Flr 'A'	155	-1	...	4.6	21.0
178	92	Cosalt	118	...	5.3	5.9	—
224	150	Creighton Nts	218	+5	...	4.3	15.5
48	27	CrestaCare	37	-1	0.6	2.2	32.0
3056½	2903½	Dana	3625 †	+12½	...	...	...
313	78½	Danka Bs Sys	288 †	...	...	0.7	22.4
243	193	David Brown	223	...	...	3.4	15.8
22	5	Davies (DT)	18	...	...	...	...
830	632	De La Rue	812 †	+4	...	2.0	19.7
38	16	Dinkie Heel	37 †	...	1.1	3.7	29.5
574	391	Diploma	562 †	-1	12.0	2.7	—
89	50	Dobson Park	86	+1	3.7	5.6	—
119	92	Dyson (J&J)	112	+1	5.0	5.6	20.6
83	57	-do- 'A'	75	+1	5.0	8.3	13.8
16½	8	EFG	14	...	...	...	...
440	363	ESS	401	...	...	3.8	15.9
28	19	Elbief	22	...	...	...	...
50	19	Eleco	48	...	...	...	0.00
2537½	1750	Electrolux 'B'	2275	-21½	...	2.2	...
73	43	Elliott (B)	67	...	...	...	...
475	394	Eng China Cl	419	-4	...	6.0	24.4
140	111	Environmed	133	...	...	...	—
3062½	1550	Ericsson 'B'	2987½	+100	...	1.0	...
77	32	Eurocopy	73	+6	1.7	3.0	—
87	47	Expamet	68	+4	...	4.4	1.6
777	499	Fairey Group	670	-4	10.7	2.0	20.6
121	47	Fenner	117	...	...	...	...
79	32	Ferraris Group	70	...	2.0	3.6	—
3	½	Ferromet	2½	...	...	...	...
29	13	Ferrum	13½	...	1.4	13.0	9.4
66	28	Fife Indmar	61	+3	0.7	1.5	...
251	137	Fisons	144	+2	...	7.6	13.4
53	29	Fitzwilton	53	...	...	8.6	...
288	215	Flogas	283	...	...	3.9	11.6
43	33	Folkes Group nv	33	...	1.5	5.7	18.7
93	56	French (Thomas)	93	...	3.6	4.9	46.6
234	162	Frost Group	221	+7	...	2.5	28.6
88	30	GBI Int	76	...	...	4.1	...
513	434	GKN	488	+4	...	5.3	32.6
51	42	GR Hldgs	46	...	...	4.9	...
101	70	Garton Eng	92	...	4.1	5.6	...
161	103	Gestetner	136	...	8.2	7.5	5.9
58	23	Glevum	48	...	...	...	34.7
802	508	Glaxo	688	+5	...	4.0	18.0
38½	16	Glencheston	37	...	...	...	...
331	245	Glynwed	330	+4	11.6	4.4	31.7
129	66	Goode Durrant	128	...	...	5.3	...
153	102	Grampian Hd	145	...	5.5	4.7	25.2
508	341	Granada	473	...	...	2.3	19.3
458	301	Great Stores	454	...	...	3.1	18.7
117	73	Green (Ernst)	78	+4	...	11.2	11.8
15½	8½	Greenacre	14½	+½	...	3.6	14.3
17	5	Guardian Grp	6½	...	...	...	...
68	30½	Haden MacLn	68	...	...	3.7	24.5
94	44	Hadleigh Inds	88	...	...	1.4	...
280	115	Hall Eng	274	...	8.6	3.9	22.9
229	161	Halma	214	+1	...	1.2	28.7
53	30	Hampson Ind	52	...	1.6	3.8	17.2
286½	222	Hanson	266½	+6	...	5.4	21.0
221	148	Harris (Philip)	149	...	...	5.8	8.9
200	147	Harrison Crsfld	200	+5	9.0	5.6	28.4
123	38	Havelock Eum	116	...	...	...	...
51	20	Hay (Norman)	38	...	...	...	...
30	17	Headway	29	...	...	3.0	...
13½	4	Healthcare	4	...	...	23.0	1.1
418	301	Hepworth	406	+4	14.8	4.6	17.5
228	160	Hewitt (J)	205	...	3.2	2.0	16.0
57½	15	High-Point	54	...	0.5	1.2	...
167	112½	Hill & Smith	165	-1	...	4.3	23.0
19½	6½	Hobson	17½	+½	...	...	...
176	87	Holders Tech	172	...	...	4.4	22.4
52	30	Hopkinsons	45	...	0.9	2.5	34.0
188	133	Hornby	186	-1	...	6.0	17.6
88	54½	Howden	78	...	2.2	3.5	14.4
260	173	Hunting	219	...	...	5.7	18.5
503	269½	Huntleigh Tec	490	+2	...	2.7	12.0
312	247	IMI	300	+3	...	4.2	26.6
119	90	ISA Intl	114	...	1.5	1.7	17.7
205	131	Intercare Gp	136	...	...	2.5	14.4
286	235	Isotron	280	...	4.3	1.9	16.3
665	380	Jardine Math	611	+4	...	2.1	22.1
537	425	Johnson Mathy	469½	+2½	...	2.7	19.1
64	36½	Johnson & FB	38½	-½	3.0	9.7	11.9
177	104	Johnston	164	-1	3.2	...	...
32	19	Jones Stdgman	25	...	...	...	...
35	18	Jourdan (T)	30 †	...	0.7	3.1	...
178	73	Kalon	160	...	...	2.7	22.2
297	195	Kelsey Ind	250	...	8.0	4.0	...
685	465	Kershaw (A)	683	-2	27.0	4.9	35.4
255	75	Kleeneze	243	...	...	...	...
160	61	LGW	159	+17	3.4	2.7	13.2
351	266	Laird	329	+4	...	4.0	16.2
157½	103	Lilleshall	148	...	...	3.7	19.5
223	97	Linear	204	...	...	3.7	14.4
33½	4½	Lincoln Hse	31½	...	...	...	25.0
128	76	Linread	95	...	3.8	5.0	14.7
305	170	Linton Park	305	...	...	5.7	11.0
15½	9½	Lionheart	11½	...	0.2	...	...
22½	15	Locker (T) A	17 †	...	0.8	6.3	24.7
274	131	Lon Ind	139	-6	9.4	8.5	10.6
144	70	Lonrho	137	+3½	...	3.6	...
388	209	Low & Bonar	336	...	...	3.5	47.1
41	14½	ML Hldgs	39	...	...	...	...
56	27	MS Intl	52	...	...	6.0	53.6
59	39	MY Holdings	50	...	...	3.2	—
216	168	Macfarlane	214	...	...	2.0	24.2
460	379	Mackechnie	446	+1	14.7	4.1	—
133	85	McLeod Russel	117 †	...	6.1	6.5	—
8½	½	Maddox	1½	...	...	...	...
105	63	Magnolia	100	...	0.1	0.1	16.1
123	71	Mang Bronze	123	+1	2.5	2.5	—
26½	19½	Marling	21½	-1½	...	4.9	...
210	124	Mayborn	210	...	...	3.1	16.1
62	29	Mayflower	52	-1	...	1.1	43.4
236	85	Medeva	135	+3	...	2.2	11.0
118	88	Meggitt	93½	...	...	5.1	15.9
125	98	Metalrax	114	...	...	4.1	18.6
154	126	Metrotect	129	-3	...	3.2	17.8
98	70	Metsec	96	...	...	...	...
90	29	Midstates	87	-1	...	1.1	12.1
38	14	Mining & Alld	27½	...	0.5	2.3	...
529	368	Molins	529	+4	...	3.4	12.7
345	262	Morgan Cble	335	...	...	4.7	17.6
184	134	Morris Ashby	178	...	...	4.0	13.3
38	18	Neepsend	34 †	...	1.0	3.7	45.6
73	34	Nestor-BNA	60	...	3.1	6.6	14.3
199	122	Nobo Gp	197	...	4.8	3.0	19.4
182	122½	Norcros	176	+2	...	5.1	25.2
51	35	Novo Group	38	...	...	4.3	12.2
413	310	Nu-Swift	343	...	...	...	—
81	36	Office Elec Mac	58	...	...	...	...
56	21	OMI Intl	51	+2	...	4.4	...
162	123	PCT	161	...	...	5.6	18.3
90	36	Pacer Systems	86	+1	...	5.0	...
138	87½	Pentland	102	+2	...	3.2	13.9
395	280	Photo-Me	320	...	4.6	1.8	20.7
187	97½	Pilkington	157	...	...	3.2	...
92	68	Plastibrook	92	...	3.1	4.2	14.5
154	125	Polypipe	135½	...	2.1	1.9	18.3
42	15	Porter Chadbrn	16	...	...	3.1	7.3
14½	5½	Porth Gp	11½	...	...	...	...
376	285	Powerscreen	303 †	-1	...	2.8	15.8
21½	16½	Prospect Inds	19½	-1½	0.8	3.3	...
65	33½	RPS Group	55	...	2.3	5.2	12.2
95	73	Radiant Metal	85	...	...	...	...
186	77	Ranco Oil	179	...	...	0.7	59.9
915	636	Rank Org	914	+10	31.0	4.2	25.0
33	14	Ransomes	14	-1	...	...	...
680	532	Reckitt Colm	643	-4	...	3.2	14.8
77	53	Record	69	-1	3.6	6.5	33.0
7½	2½	Reece	4½	...	...	...	...
269	131	Relyon	264	...	5.0	2.4	31.7
303	208	Renishaw	295	...	...	2.8	35.1
122	55	Renold	117 †	...	...	1.8	...
1753	1240	Reuters	1740	-2	22.1	1.6	28.8
83	24½	Rexmore	78 †	...	2.0	3.3	...
188	91	Ricardo Group	176	+1	...	4.0	34.9
76	58	Richard (Leics)	71	-3	3.7	6.6	...
98	63	Richardson West	82	...	3.0	4.6	21.0
142	109	Rogder	122	...	8.2	8.5	17.3
136	97	-do- 'A'	118	...	8.2	8.7	16.7
38	14	Ross Gp	18½	+½	0.6	4.4	7.6
184	131½	Rotork	173	...	...	2.7	20.1
167	99	Rubicon	165	...	...	3.3	23.2
66	43	Russell (A)	62	...	...	1.0	...
34	15	SKF Indl	31 †	...	0.8	3.3	—
1087½	625	SKF 'B'	1000	+12½	...	...	...
60½	39	Saville Grdn (J)	59	...	...	4.7	30.4
249	205	Scapa	216½	+1	...	3.3	16.0
238	187	Schol	187	-1	...	4.2	13.6
6½	4	Scot Heritable	5 #	...	...	...	...
323	277	Scotia	287	...	...	...	...
1123	917	Securicor	1120	+5	2.6	0.3	42.6
855	582	-do- 'A'	855	+5	2.6	0.4	32.5
745	465	Security Serv	745	+5	5.1	0.9	36.9
126½	77	Senior Eng	118½	-½	...	3.4	19.8
361	278	Seton Health	322 †	...	...	2.3	19.0
68	42	Sheldon Jones	46	-2	...	...	...
166	88	Shiloh	136	...	3.0	2.8	14.7
344	281	Sidlaw	281 †	-3	10.5	4.7	—
587	427	Siebe	575	...	...	2.3	20.2
383	220	Silentnight	353	+2	...	2.8	19.1
148	102	Sime Darby	149	...	...	3.6	—
142	32	Simon Eng	96	+1½	...	...	...
259	180	Sinclair (Wm)	191	+4	...	4.6	14.9
47	35	Six Hundred	36 †	...	...	5.2	...
164	134	Smith & Neph	147½	-½	...	4.0	16.4
513	382½	SmithKline	385	-8	9.6	3.1	13.9
450	340	SmithKline Uts	390	-8	...	3.5	11.0
443	320	Smiths Ind	436	...	...	3.4	17.5
140	58	Stan Bus	74	...	3.5	5.9	7.0
466	365	Spandex	466	...	...	1.8	20.7
660	300	Spear (JW)	510	...	4.5	1.1	9.5
376	314	Spirax-Sarco	340	-2	...	3.4	21.3
145	44	Spring Ram	54½	...	...	0.6	18.1
270	201	Staveley	209	...	...	5.1	11.8
189	126	Sterling Ind	180	+3	...	4.0	28.5
187	97	Suter	168	+1	9.0	6.7	17.6
487	344	Swire Pacific 'A'	486	-1	...	1.8	—
7	2½	Sycamore	2½	-½	...	...	...
78	53	Sykes-Pick	53	...	...	7.3	10.1
153	120	Syltone	153	...	...	3.9	20.3
386	279	TI	378	+9	...	3.6	25.8
32	12	TLS Range	26	...	...	1.2	...
337	211	TT Group	324	+1	...	2.5	19.9
237	201	Talare	230	+2	...	1.0	20.0
868	618	Takeda Chem	708	-12	...	0.9	13.4
66	34	Tex Hldgs	61	...	...	...	...
109	70	Tinsley (E)	97	...	...	7.0	14.9
240	150	Titon	230	...	...	2.0	20.0
271	212½	Tomkins	231	+3½	...	3.4	17.0
112	67	Trafalgar H	93	-2½	...	4.3	6.8
116	69	Transfer Tech	75	...	3.2	5.4	9.3
180	142	Triplex Lloyd	143	...	...	6.1	17.2
275	234	UniChem	272	...	6.4	2.9	17.8
375	275½	Unitare	365	...	...	5.4	18.3
7	1½	Unigroup	3	-1	...	...	...
1249	938	Unilever	1174 †	+8	22.2	2.4	16.0
8112½	6362½	Unilever (NV)	7675	...	...	2.7	12.6
24½	9	Utd Inds	9½	...	...	...	...
915	513	VSEL	804	...	...	4.7	8.7
12½	6½	Verson	12	...	...	...	...
164	95½	Vickers	152	+1	...	1.9	...
387	243	Victaulic	263	...	...	3.7	13.0
454	283	Vinten	441	+1	...	2.0	20.5
694	427	Vosper Thorny	652 †	+1	...	3.1	15.8
48	38	WSP Hldgs	38	-3	...	8.9	9.9
468	368	Wagon Ind	450	...	...	4.9	19.6
98	71	Walker Greenbk	95	+1	3.1	4.1	24.2
258	201	Wassall	252	...	2.7	1.4	25.4
45	22	Watford Wdgwd	44	...	...	...	...
384	252	Weir	288	+3	...	2.6	16.2
993	600	Wellcome	670	+4	...	3.2	14.2
23½	16	Wellman	19	+1	0.9	6.0	30.5
358	260	West Hldcare	335	...	...	1.4	21.5
510	460	Whatman	480	...	9.7	2.5	16.3
353	224	Whessoe	249	...	...	4.1	9.7
79	27	Whitecroft	79	+2	...	...	...
10½	4½	Widney	10	...	...	...	...
130	44	Wilkes (James)	120	...	3.5	...	35.1
365	269½	Williams Hldg	351	+5	12.5	4.5	18.4
46½	17	Wistaw	41	-½	...	1.7	25.8
798	533	Wolseley	798	+8	...	2.1	23.6
155	125	Wood (Arthur)	155	...	1.5	1.2	56.5
46	35	Wyko	40	...	...	3.1	...
59	38	Young (H)	55	+2	3.3	7.7	—

INSURANCE

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1993½	1193½	Alex & Alex	1237½	+12½	...	5.4	...
2406½	1787½	Am Gen	1962½	+6½	...	3.7	...
63	30	Archer (AJ)	61	...	2.7	5.5	29.7
183	133	Berry Bch Nbl	160	-2	...	4.2	12.4
148	118	Bradstock	137	+1	3.2	4.7	16.9
498	359½	Britannic	451	+2	...	3.2	...
667	536	Com Union	629	+14	...	4.8	...
1750	1225	Dom & Gen	1730	-18	...	1.6	22.9
50	18	FAI	45	-1	...	...	...
741	546	Gen Accident	697	+22	26.7	4.8	...
230	160	GRE	210	+8	7.1	4.3	17.4
412	293	Heath C E	387 †	...	...	5.2	...
228	155	Hogg Gp	157	...	8.1	6.5	14.2
215	162	JIB Group	172	...	...	5.5	17.6
546	408½	Legal & Gen	522	+4	...	4.6	31.7
1120	788	Liberty Life	1099	+31	...	9.6	21.4
468	403	Lloyds Abbey	425	-8	17.3	5.1	15.3
295	253	Lloyd Thomp	279	-1	6.7	3.0	17.5
396	274	Londn & Man	351	+2	14.3	4.8	28.1
435	321	Lowndes Lmb	435	+3	14.0	4.1	15.4
6743½	5293½	Marsh McLn	5375	+18½	...	3.3	...
123	76	Oriel	123 †	-1	...	5.1	...
72	30½	PWS	65	...	4.0	7.7	9.4
376	282½	Prudential	357	...	...	4.3	23.7
1138	800	Refuge	1008	-2	32.2	4.0	27.9
347	248	Royal	302	+1	...	2.7	...
304	150	Sedgwick	180	+1	...	4.1	22.6
261	119	Steel Burrill	141	...	...	10.6	8.3
89	48	Sturge Hldgs	66	+4	3.0	5.9	—
460	307	Sun Alliance	387	-2	14.2	4.9	...
88	50	Trade Indemnity	85	-1	...	...	...
332	239	Transatlantic	331	...	12.0	4.7	29.8
773	499	Utd Friendly	608	-2	15.1	3.1	26.5
243	171	Willis Corroon	217 †	+1	...	3.8	46.6
21	13½	Windsor	20	...	...	...	15.7

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1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1846	1548	Alliance	1831	+10	45.5	3.1	40.1
283½	226½	Amer Trust	275	...	5.2	2.4	57.1
426	304	Ang & O'seas	416½	+2½	6.8	2.1	52.9
157½	124	BZW Conv	157½	+2½	7.8	6.3	18.3
195½	133½	Bankers	195½	+2	3.6	2.3	53.7
337	284	Baring Tribune	337	+1	6.4	2.4	53.3
203	131	Berry Starq	203	...	2.2	1.4	66.0
110½	96½	Br Assets	108½ †	+1½	...	4.9	25.8
87	57½	Br Empire Sec	85½	+1	...	1.4	72.9
31	16	-do- Wnts	31	...	...	...	...
208	156	Br Inv	207 †	...	4.6	2.8	46.7
198	130	Conti Asset	198	+6	2.4	1.5	65.9
195	143	Derby Inc	153	...	...	11.6	9.3
295	195	-do- Cap	295	+5	...	...	...
89	62	Drayton Blue	89	+1	8.4	12.2	9.6
85	35	-do- Eng Intl	82	+2	1.0	1.5	...
135	84	-do- Far East	126	-2	0.6	0.6	...
139	95	-do- Korea	139	+2	0.5	0.5	...
700	576	Dunedin Inc G	700	+3	...	4.6	32.2
100	76	-do- Japan	82	...	...	...	...
55	34	-do- Warrants	42	+1	...	...	...
729	513	-do- Wwde	719	+5	9.5	1.7	—
292	222	Dundee & Lon	289	...	9.0	4.0	—
313	250½	Edinburgh	313	+4	8.5	3.4	34.2
291	183	Electra Inv	283	...	6.8	3.0	38.6
191	141	Electric Gen	187½	+½	3.1	2.1	58.4
114	85	English Scot	113	...	...	...	...
318	205	European Asset	318	+2	...	2.3	41.3
133	77	Finsbury 'A'	130	+1	3.0	2.9	41.8
307	248	Fleming Amer	305	...	0.8	0.3	...
225½	190½	-do- Claver	225½	+1	...	3.0	44.4
340	212	-do- Cont	339	+6	2.7	1.0	...
221	147	-do- Emrg	209	...	...	2.8	42.2
362	213	-do- F East	357	+4	1.1	0.4	...
342	246	-do- Fledg	342	+3	3.0	1.1	...
118	93	-do- Hi Inc	113 †	+3	...	4.9	19.3
260	136	-do- Japan	208	+1	...	0.3	...
294	230	-do- Merc	292	...	6.7	2.9	62.1
307	212	-do- O'seas	297½	+2½	4.2	1.8	62.3
276	203	Foreign & Col	276	+3	...	1.6	75.1
121	56½	-do- Emg Mkts	118 †	+2	0.2	0.3	—
87	44	-do- Enterprise	87	...	0.4	0.8	...
233	164	-do- Eurotr	223 †	+1	...	0.7	...
131	87	-do- German	125	+3	0.5	0.5	...
319	191	-do- Pacific	309	+6	...	0.8	...
168½	116	-do- Smaller	165½	-½	1.8	1.4	...
272	145	GT Japan	240	+3	...	0.7	...
173	65	Genl Cons Cap	173	...	...	...	...
123½	99½	-do- Inc	111	...	...	9.5	11.5
167	115	Govett Am Smlr	166	...	...	...	...
125	94	-do- Emg Mkts	125	+3	...	...	...
356	184	-do- Oriental	351½	-½	0.9	0.3	...
286	207	-do- Strategy	224½	+1½	...	3.1	38.4
414	340	Greenfriar	413	...	...	1.9	62.0
19	5	Gresham House	19	...	...	...	...
149	124	Inv Cap	148	+1	...	4.3	28.4
97	77	I&S UK Smllr	96 †	...	2.8	3.6	26.8
212	156½	Kleinwort Chrt	212	+1	5.0	2.9	41.3
250	176	-do- O'seas	238	+2	3.3	1.7	67.6
142	108	-do- Smlr	138	...	...	3.2	33.5
717	540	Law Debenture	717	+4	18.5	3.2	35.8
205	164	Majedie	205 †	...	...	3.0	38.3
289½	221	Merchants	288½	+3½	...	4.8	26.8
3343½	1890	Merrill Lynch	3162½	-37½	...	...	...
522	383	Monks Inv Tst	522	+3	...	1.6	65.9
144	105	Morg Gren Inc	144	+2	4.5	3.9	—
54	23	Do Warrants	52	...	...	...	...
60	39	Murray Euro	57	+1	0.1	0.4	...
23½	4½	Do Wts	19½	+½	...	...	...
371	282	Murray Income	370	...	10.9	3.7	35.3
368	265	-do- Intl	366	+2½	11.6	4.0	33.0
437	263	-do- Small	437	+1	...	1.2	...
103	88	-do- S/C Inc	88	...	...	15.1	—
135	73	-do- S/C Cap	127	+1	...	...	...
3150	2750	-do- S/C Uts	3150	...	...	4.2	—
159½	145½	-do- S/C DP	159½	+½	...	...	...
315	230	-do- Vent	310	+1	...	4.4	25.1
93	68	Newthrog Inc	91	...	6.7	9.4	16.8
346	249	O'seas Inv Tst	337	+2	...	1.2	...
502	285	Pacific Assets	502	+4	1.1	0.3	...
407	187	Do Warrants	407	+4	...	...	...
8300	7650	Personal Assets	8300	...	190	2.0	49.0
170	100	RIT Cap Ptnr	169	-2	1.1	0.9	...
122	108	River & Merc	121 †	...	9.2	9.5	12.1
485	350	Robeco	413	...	...	3.1	...
435	346	Rolinco	418	...	...	1.9	...
287	214	St Andrew Inv	286	...	7.5	3.3	38.5
161½	131	Scot American	161½	+2½	...	3.6	34.1
302	136	Scot Asian	302	+15	...	...	...
785	225	do Warrants	783	+18	...	...	...
84	63½	-do- Eastern	82½	+1½	1.5	2.3	54.8
231	183	Scottish	230	+4	4.9	2.7	—
235½	178	-do- Mtge	230	+5	4.0	2.2	59.7
106	71	-do- Value	104 †	+1½	1.8	2.2	—
1648	1390	Second Allnce	1635	+8	...	3.0	41.1
94	74½	Secs Tst of Scot	94	+½	3.2	4.3	31.1
163	109½	Selective Asset	160	...	1.2	0.9	57.5
38½	14	Sphere Inv	38½	+1	3.1	10.1	12.4
176	112	TR Far East	175	+1	...	3.6	33.3
159½	126	TR City Of Lon	159½	+½	...	3.8	34.7
201	110	TR Pacific	201	+2	0.3	0.2	...
37½	17	TR Property	37½	+1	0.9	3.0	39.5
121	47	TR Tech Inv	121	...	1.7	1.8	44.9
199	146	TR Smlr Cos	192	...	...	2.5	44.4
365	283	Temple Bar	365	+1	13.2	4.5	27.5
115	69	Thrmn Asian E	115	+2	0.5	0.5	...
79	54	Throgmorton	75	...	2.3	3.8	30.6
550	363	Trans Dual Cp	508	-3	...	...	...
242	178	USDC Invest	235	-1	4.5	2.4	43.2
118½	76½	Value Inc Tst	118	...	4.0	4.2	29.7
845	542	Whitbread Inv	895	...	16.5	2.3	53.9
226½	185	Witan	226½	+2	5.6	3.1	39.7

LEISURE

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
482	269	Airtours	482	-1	...	2.5	14.5
64	42	Ald Leis	43	...	...	8.7	14.0
465	194	Anglia TV	421	-1	...	2.7	19.5
103	63	Baldwin	86	...	4.6	6.7	11.7
264	192	Barr & W 'A'	252	...	10.0	5.0	16.3
1245	930	Boosey Hwks	1155	...	22.0	2.4	17.3
158	90	Border TV	149	-1	...	3.1	13.3
16½	4	Brent Walker	5	-½	...	...	...
150	48	Bristol Scots	133	...	...	...	...
9	2½	Buckingham Int	5½	...	...	...	...
292	69	Campari	69	-3	8.7	15.9	...
243	171	Capital Radio	243 †	+5	5.7	3.0	—
860	718	Carlton Comm	859	+5	...	2.8	20.2
248	158	Castle Comms	248	+7	...	4.3	16.4
2878	1615	Central TV	2870	-3	39.0	1.8	28.1
124	61	Chrysalis	103	...	...	...	...
595	470	Compass Gp	595	...	...	2.7	17.8
350	175	Eurocamp	216	...	9.7	5.6	8.9
1180	268	Euro Disney	420	...	...	2.8	...
8	2	Euro Leisure	2 †	...	...	...	...
38½	18	Ex-Lands	34	...	...	1.3	...
390	245	Fairline Boats	285	...	10.5	4.6	...
378	232	First Leisure	276	+2	6.2	2.8	19.1
590	298	GWR Gp	590	...	...	1.7	30.3
246	149	Grampian	230 †	...	6.5	3.5	15.9
22	4½	Greenwich Coms	16	...	...	...	...
101	19	HTV Group	101	+5	...	...	44.9
76	30	Hi-Tec Sports	56	-1	...	5.0	...
12½	5½	Kenick	9½	-½	...	...	...
603	405	LWT Hldgs	577	-1	...	1.1	26.7
600	327	Man Utd	533	...	...	4.6	21.5
48	7½	Northern	39	...	...	...	...
148	59	Owners Abrd	81	...	3.9	6.0	6.3
77	33	The Pelican Gp	69	...	...	2.0	16.2
170	35	Prism Leisure	170	...	...	2.4	15.8
42	16	Quadrant Grp	36	-1	...	...	...
350	274	Radio Clyde	350	...	...	3.0	27.4
208	132	Ramadens (R)	206	-1	...	3.7	27.3
553	410	Scot TV	474	-3	10.3	2.7	23.3
65	37	Southern Radio	58	...	0.7	1.7	24.2
263	168	Stanley Leisure	263	...	4.3	2.1	20.8
10	5½	Sunleigh	8	...	...	...	...
145	115	Sunset & Vine	128	...	3.5	3.4	18.7
420	345½	Tanjong	349½	...	...	0.5	18.9
2½	1	Ticketings	2½	-½	...	...	...
177	84	Tottenham Hot	105 †	...	...	2.4	5.5
78	44	Trans World	67	...	...	1.5	24.4
510	274	Ulster TV	499	...	12.0	3.0	15.3
109	62	Vardon	106	...	0.8	0.9	25.0
22	11	Wembley	16½	...	...	...	...
234	110	Yorkshire TV	178	+1	12.0	8.4	5.4
120	83	Zetters Gp	116	...	8.0	8.6	13.1

MINING

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
5900	1800	Am Gold	5612½	+12½	...	3.9	28.5
1625	1018½	Ang Am Coal	1543½	+25	...	5.0	8.2
2675	1135	Ang Am	2635	+100	...	2.5	23.6
33	8½	Anglo Pac Res	28	...	...	...	...
197	33	Blyvoors	182	+3	...	...	...
46	18	Bracken	35	...	...	...	—
871	233	Buffels	760	+7	...	8.3	6.9
2½	1	Butte	1½	-½	...	...	...
774	546	CRA	774	+2	...	2.6	26.6
43½	11	Cluff Res	32	...	...	...	...
1412½	782½	De Beers	1412½	+43½	...	3.4	19.4
165	37½	Deelkraal	137	+6	...	2.1	15.8
96	7	Doornfontein	63	...	...	...	...
913	388	Driefontein	806	-15	...	4.0	15.9
788	120	Durban	694	+7	...	...	...
201	47	E Rand Gold	136	+1	...	7.9	4.2
175	35	E Rand Prop	75	...	...	...	...
85	16	Eastern Trans	50	...	...	5.0	10.7
804	117	Elandsrand	380	...	...	3.1	9.3
1042	282	FS Cons	990	-32	...	4.8	13.0
80	8	FS Dev	57	+4	...	...	...
1675	725	GFSA	1488	-38	...	2.7	25.8
110	62½	Gencor	107	+4	...	8.2	12.1
64½	35½	GM Kalgoorli	52½	...	...	2.5	21.4
22½	5	Greenwich E 'A'	15	...	...	...	...
187	49	Grootvlei	147	...	...	6.8	9.2
360	78	Harmony	321	+5	...	...	...
425	87	Harties	391	...	...	7.0	15.5
16½	8½	Incoda	15½	...	...	...	...
1010	491	Impala Plat	801	...	...	3.5	27.6
13½	5	Kenmare Res	8½	...	...	...	...
1092	332	Kinross	1070	+16	...	5.3	—
913	319	Kloof	668	+11	...	3.5	9.4
137	25	Leslie	112	...	...	9.3	—
328	13	Loraine	328	+20	...	...	...
950	680	Lydenburg	950	...	...	2.1	...
116½	80	MIM	111½	+5	...	2.0	54.3
1322	820	Minorco	1278	-27	...	3.0	13.1
135	91	Nth Bkn Hill	135	+3	...	3.1	25.5
2712½	612½	Orange Free	2550	+75	...	6.5	20.6
748	607	RTZ	741	+7	...	3.3	20.9
156½	106½	Rand Mines	156½	...	...	7.0	—
671	150	Randfontein	585	+8	...	4.8	8.7
175	115	Renison	193	+2	...	2.3	20.0
1200	850	Rustnbrg	1075	+25	...	3.0	—
725	191	St Helena	635	+16	...	3.8	13.5
2168	475	Southvaal	1915	+49	...	2.9	35.0
119	18	Stilfontein	85	+10	...	7.3	15.5
201	58	Unisel	147	+1	...	4.5	—
6300	1800	Vaal Reefs	6000	+50	...	3.6	10.8
703	154	Welkom	639	+16	...	6.7	20.0
640	26	Western Areas	618	+12	...	0.8	19.8
3000	587½	Western Deep	2800	+46½	...	2.2	13.6
280½	178	Wstrn Mining	280½	+13½	...	1.7	...
1035	323	Winkels	1003	+15	...	3.8	—
84	49	Zambia Copper	52	+1	...	...	...
68	18	Zandpan	63	+2	...	6.9	21.0

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
258	233	Abbey Panels	248	...	3.0	3.3	11.1
135	95	Airflow Stream	115	...	...	5.4	...
153	78	Appleyard	121	...	...	3.8	15.4
335	208	Blenchley Mtr	308	...	6.0	4.2	31.8
192	120	Bostrom	180	...	...	2.2	...
468	165	Br Aerospace	422	+13	7.3	2.7	14.1
56	19½	Burndene	53	...	...	...	...
425	303	Caffyns	425	-37	11.5	3.4	...
15	4½	Caverdale	12½	-½	...	...	...
143	98	Central Mtrs	123	-2	...	4.1	31.3
36	18	Cook (DC)	34	+2	...	3.3	19.1
267	156	Cowie (T)	250	+3	6.6	3.3	19.0
141	84	Dag Motors	136	...	5.7	5.3	24.6
155	102½	Davport Vern	144	...	...	3.5	18.2
330	155	ERF	323	...	2.0	0.8	...
145	92	European Mtr	137 †	...	...	3.4	19.3
406	208	Evans Halshaw	403	...	11.4	3.6	62.1
250	211	FR Group	245	...	...	3.7	11.4
4306½	2843½	Ford Motor	4250	+62½	...	1.5	...
3766½	2143½	General Mtr	3662½	+12½	...	1.5	...
75	28	Gowrings	56	-1	2.0	4.5	...
295	85	Henlys	255	...	3.5	1.7	...
1056	769	Honda Motor	814	-31	...	1.1	...
35	15	Jacks (Wm)	35	...	...	...	...
108	66	Jessups	88 †	+1	4.5	6.4	...
176	97	Kwik-Fit	153	-1½	...	2.9	21.6
434	281	Lex Service	434	+2	...	3.3	23.7
164	85	Lookers	149	...	6.2	5.2	...
188	126	Lucas	188	-9	...	4.7	...
27½	21	Malaya Grp	25½	...	...	...	...
284	224½	Pendragon	250	...	...	3.2	20.5
190	101½	Perry Gp	157	...	...	5.7	...
190	108	Quicks Group	163	...	...	3.6	20.8
177	96½	Rolls-Royce	166	-1½	...	3.8	...
223	164	T & N	191	+4	...	7.1	22.2
256	163	Trinity Hldgs	251	+8	...	2.8	23.3
175	125	Vardy (Reg)	163	...	...	2.4	22.8
253	121	Westland	250	-1	4.5	2.3	—

NEWS, PUBLISHERS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
198	103	Adscene	198	...	5.0	3.2	20.3
360	315	Black (A&C)	335	...	13.5	5.0	13.7
608	280	Blenheim Gp	330	...	...	3.6	12.3
370	275	Bristol	365	...	...	4.2	32.6
£106½	7775	Daily Mail	£106½	...	13.4	1.6	23.8
£106	7700	Daily Mail 'A'	£105½	...	13.4	1.6	23.8
385	251	Dorling Kind	312	-1	...	1.3	28.2
5887½	4037½	Elsevier	5675	...	...	1.7	19.2
402	322	EMAP	398 †	...	...	2.5	24.5
1525	873	Euromoney Pb	1525	...	38.0	3.1	—
204	170	Harrington K	190	...	4.7	3.1	18.5
325	159½	Haynes Pub	325 †	+6	...	2.1	18.3
363	334	Hodder H'line	345	...	5.1	1.9	29.3
140	99	Home Counts	111	...	5.3	5.9	...
153	30	Intl Bus Comm	153	+1	...	...	22.1
14	6½	Int Cm & Data	12	...	...	...	...
435	240	Independent	400	+5	...	3.1	21.6
580	395	Johnstone Press	539	...	6.5	1.5	23.3
333	243	Metal Bulletin	333	...	8.2	3.1	23.5
186	88	Mirror Gp	180	-1	...	...	...
515	297	News Corp	484	+45	...	0.3	...
301	169	News Intl	278	+14	...	0.6	17.1
605	342	Pearson	595	+20	...	2.5	32.3
673	510	Portsmth Sund	640 †	...	...	1.8	17.7
823	618	Reed Int	823	+18	...	2.7	35.9
184	98	Southnews	184 †	+3	...	1.6	34.0
171	90	Sterling Pub	166	-2	...	2.3	18.2
423	328	Telegraph	417	+11	...	3.6	17.5
835	715	Thomson Corp	795	...	30.1	4.7	39.7
416	313	Trinity Intl	416	+1	9.0	2.7	24.9
39	27	Unit Group	32	...	...	...	...
597½	480½	Utd Newspapers	585	+12	...	4.6	16.3

OILS, GAS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
37	17	Aran Energy	22½	-½	...	...	21.9
61	34	Arcon Intl	36	...	...	...	...
71	41½	Atts Oil & Gas	60½	+1½	...	...	...
83	26	Aviva Pet	66	-1	...	...	...
16	3	Beverley	9½	...	...	...	54.7
223	145	Br Borneo	196	...	7.1	4.5	5.9
356	276	British Gas	347	-6	14.2	5.1	10.8
362½	225	Br Petroleum	330	...	8.4	3.2	25.9
1½	1	Bula Resources	1½	+½	...	...	...
821	675	Burmah Castrl	802	+8	...	5.1	18.7
68	32	Cairn Energy	60	-1	...	...	8.6
317	223	Calor Gp	311	+1½	...	4.8	17.0
10½	3½	Clyde Pet	9½	+½	...	...	...
44	27	Conlex Res	39	+1	...	...	...
25½	10½	Edin Oil & Gas	17	...	...	...	...
521	397	Enterprise	440	+7	19.0	5.4	24.2
58	31	Exp Co Louis	31	-1	...	...	...
34½	18½	Fairhaven Intl	32½	...	...	4.8	8.1
10½	4	Fortune	4½	+½	...	...	...
67	45	Goal Pet	53	-1	1.4	3.3	10.1
48	18	Gt Western Res	38	...	...	...	...
181	104½	Hardy O & G	143	-1	...	0.9	13.3
46	19½	Kelt Energy	40	...	...	...	...
195	109	LASMO	115	-2	...	3.6	21.3
103	63	-do- Units	70	...	9.4	16.9	...
24	3½	Mid Scot Res	4	...	...	...	...
56½	34	Monument	55	-½	...	...	...
9½	4	New London	4½	...	...	...	...
33	21	Nth Sea Assets	29	...	1.0	4.3	10.0
40	27	Oil Search	38	-1	...	...	...
19½	11½	Petrol	16	-1	...	...	...
162	99	Pict Pet	156	...	...	...	...
29½	18	Premier	23½	+½	...	...	8.7
168	50	Presidio	158	...	...	4.2	...
410	290	Ranger	355	...	...	4.6	...
7312½	5150	Royal Dutch Fl	6987½	+12½	...	4.4	17.4
4500	3600	Schlumberger	3900	-25	...	2.1	...
67	47	Seafield	58	...	...	...	...
727	515	Shell	700	+1	22.8	4.0	21.7
203	173	Sunrise Eng Sv	185	...	...	...	...
41	15	Triton Europe	19	...	...	...	...
15½	6	Villiers Grp	14	...	...	...	...
208	135	Woodside	184	+2	...	1.9	...

PAPER, PRINT, ADVTG

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
155	120	AG Holdings	155	+3	...	4.3	13.9
358	249	API	358	...	8.3	2.9	—
259	144	Arjo Wiggins	241	-2	...	3.4	38.9
542	408	Abbott Mead	537	...	9.5	2.2	28.2
40	13	Aegis Gp	18	...	...	...	...
212	113	Aspen Comms	130	...	...	4.7	11.8
30	7	BBB Design	18	...	...	...	...
428	234½	Bemrose	423	-4	...	3.6	18.5
30½	7	Birkdale	8½	...	...	...	...
155	118	Bunzl	135	+1	4.0	3.7	20.4
362	257	CIA Gp	347	-1	...	1.6	21.9
230	93	Capital Inds	135	...	...	3.3	12.9
92	44	City of Lon	88	...	...	5.5	16.0
304	169	Cropper (James)	304 †	...	3.2	1.3	29.4
6	[illegible]	Crown Comm	6 #	...	...	...	...
95	51	Delyn Group	88	...	1.6	2.4	11.8
120	94	Dolphin Pack	105	...	4.5	5.4	25.9
87	42	Dudley Jenkins	78	...	...	5.0	17.7
15½	10½	Elswick	14½	+½	...	2.6	16.5
74	41	Fairway Group	72	...	3.2	5.6	21.2
349	271	Ferguson Intl	349	...	...	4.5	15.8
128	92	Ferry Pick	128	+1	...	5.5	34.5
168	74	Filofax	162	...	...	1.1	21.5
20	10½	Fitch	11	...	...	...	...
154	69	Gibbon Lyons	147	...	...	4.5	16.3
295	205	Gold Greenless	205	...	8.3	5.1	14.6
41	17	Goodhead	24	...	0.0	0.3	—
88	35	Huntsprint	36	...	...	...	...
185	136	Intereurope	162	...	...	6.0	11.9
278	191	Jarvis Porter	272 †	...	...	2.2	25.4
32	15½	Lopex	25	...	...	...	...
38½	26	MDI	34½	+1	...	...	...
346	175	More O'Ferrall	331	...	13.2	5.0	39.6
133	48	NMC Group	119 †	+2	2.7	2.9	18.4
233	66	Osborne & Little	233	...	...	2.8	25.3
525	455	Portals	507	-1	...	3.6	17.5
3½	¼	Premier Hlth	2½	...	...	...	...
286	159	Quarto	281	...	...	2.6	17.3
347	270	St Ives Gp	320	...	...	2.1	21.1
186	142	Saatchi	147	+1	...	...	...
474	292	Sappi	351	...	...	9.3	6.7
32	11½	Serif	16	+½	...	...	...
32½	14	Shandwick	25	...	...	...	...
397	294	Smith David	361	+11	...	3.5	18.9
295	206	Smurfit (Jeff)	264	...	...	1.6	6.3
93	45	Somic	90	...	2.5	3.5	36.5
246	183	Sun-Plts	207	...	8.4	5.1	18.5
28½	16½	Taylor Nelson	26½	...	0.3	1.6	22.2
104	38	VTR	98 †	...	...	4.8	14.7
106	40	WPP	93	+2	...	1.3	3.5
179	62	Wace	175	-1	...	0.7	...
265	203	Waddington (J)	330 †	...	...	4.4	17.2
410	270	Watmough	374	-1	...	2.0	20.3
7	3½	Wespoint	3½	...	...	...	...
34	12	Whitney Mck	23	+6	...	...	...
93	55	Wood (SW)	93	...	...	2.0	19.8

PROPERTY

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
116	41	Allied Lon	112	...	...	3.9	28.0
47	35	Arcadian	37 †	...	...	...	...
16½	4½	Ascot Hldgs	5½	...	...	...	...
135	52	Asda	133	...	...	2.0	14.0
152	88	Avonside	136	...	4.1	3.8	19.0
2637½	2062½	BCE	2350	+25	...	...	...
670	396	Bilton	640	...	18.9	3.7	23.1
110	23	Bourne End	97 #	...	...	1.7	...
226	150	Bradford	236	+2	5.9	3.1	23.9
23	5	Bredero	13	-½	...	...	...
449	166½	Br Land	444	+6	...	2.0	40.5
248	140½	Brixton	246	+1	...	4.3	19.5
90	42	Burford	89½	-½	...	1.8	...
187	99	Cap & Regnl	186	+1	...	0.9	...
230	120	Cardiff Prop	230	...	2.4	1.3	...
595	196	Chesterfield	595 †	...	11.5	2.4	42.6
43	12	City Site Ests	31	-1	...	...	...
32	12	Clarke Nickolls	32	+1	...	...	...
548	300	Compco	300	...	12.9	5.6	65.2
53	34	Conrad Rtbln GS	45	...	...	...	...
1435	818	Daejan	1435	...	...	2.4	17.7
3½	¼	Dares Estates	¼	...	...	...	...
129	53	Debenhm Twsn	122	+2	...	3.0	24.7
12	4	De Morgan	8	...	...	...	...
180	76	Dencora	173	...	3.0	2.2	...
666	263	Derwent Hldgs	664	...	8.7	1.6	...
45	10	Development Sec	34½	...	...	...	...
58	25	Dwyer	56	...	...	...	...
395	170	Estates Agency	395	...	...	2.4	46.9
27	7½	Estates Gen	19	...	...	...	...
216	132	Evans Of Leeds	216	+1	...	2.8	18.9
35½	11	Five Oaks	32½	...	...	...	...
65	30	Fletcher King	64	...	1.0	3.0	42.4
515	226½	Frogmore	515	+14	...	3.9	24.8
235	97	Grainger	234	...	5.2	2.8	52.3
233	116½	Gr Portland	229	+4	...	4.4	21.9
17	3½	Greycoat	16½	+½	...	...	...
192	101	HK Land	184	-1	...	3.4	24.2
84	35	Hambro Cntyw	66	...	0.5	0.9	...
412	233	Hammerson	412 #	+5	10.0	3.0	41.7
295	122	Helical Bar	295	...	...	2.1	10.6
39	19	Hemingway	34	+1	...	...	...
132	56	Herring Baker	60	...	3.7	7.8	15.1
153	133	Jermyn	138	...	...	...	...
784	435	Land Sec	783 †	+16	23.1	3.7	23.4
114	73	Lon Merch Sec	113	...	4.0	4.4	17.6
22½	6½	Lon & Metro	11	...	...	...	...
581	315½	MEPC	560	+14	...	4.6	39.4
9	5	McInerney A	6½	...	...	...	...
160	90	McKay Secs	160	...	3.5	2.7	22.0
7½	3	Marchheath	3½	...	...	...	...
79	12	Merivale Mre	79	...	...	...	...
5	5	Merlin Intl	5 #	...	...	...	...
48	29	Moorfield Est	48	+2	...	...	...
1300	775	Mountview	1210	+10	22.0	2.3	12.1
173	112	Mucklow (A&J)	173	...	...	4.4	26.9
46	30	Olives Prop	39	-2	...	...	...
10½	1½	Ossory Est	1½	...	...	...	0.4
172	88	PSIT	167	...	4.1	3.1	33.1
359	138	Peel	350	+6	4.0	1.4	...
16	4½	Power Corp	5	...	...	...	...
48	22	Property Trust	40	+1	...	...	11.4
63	33	Raglan	36	+1	...	...	...
39	11	Regalian	27	-½	...	...	...
135	110	Rowlinson Secs	135	...	1.5	1.4	36.2
50	16	St Modwen Prp	47	...	0.9	2.4	15.8
81	39	Savills	81	...	...	1.5	32.1
112	33½	Scot Met	92	+1	...	2.0	—
117	39	Shaftesbury	117	...	...	...	...
15½	5	Shield	11	...	...	...	5.8
277	139½	Slough Estates	276	+1	...	3.7	19.3
93	56	Southend Prop	90	...	...	3.3	...
39	16	Stanhope Prps	25½	...	...	...	...
236	114	Tops Ests	225	...	2.1	1.2	80.0
137	76	Town Centre	132	...	...	3.2	23.6
95	43	Trafford Park	95	...	...	3.7	21.9
56	17	UK Land	32	...	...	...	...
12	4	Union Square	9½	...	...	...	...
309	180	Warner	309	+2	10.4	4.2	28.2
219	168	Warnford	217	...	7.5	4.4	15.7
8	2	Waterglade	2½	...	...	...	...
95	34	Wates	92	...	...	...	...
76	40	Wood John D	74	+6	...	...	...

SHOES, LEATHER

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
28	11	Automagica	28	...	...	...	...
185	84	Headlam	185	+1	...	2.0	41.8
500	285	Lambert	320	...	13.2	5.2	7.8
100	44	Pittards	50	...	1.5	3.8	14.3
30	20	Strong & Fisher	21	...	1.0	6.0	5.8
218	89	Stylo	217	...	...	1.7	...
66	53	UK Safety	58	...	...	5.6	1.9

TEXTILES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
521	408	Allied Text	496	...	13.7	3.2	15.9
69	54	Beckman (A)	56	...	3.5	8.0	—
41	21	Bolton Gp	28	...	...	...	...
171	141	Br Mohair	171	...	8.3	6.2	16.0
53	15	Chartwell	40	...	...	...	...
364	298	Claremont Gn	341	-4	7.5	2.8	21.3
601	470	Courtauld Text	489	-54	13.9	3.6	13.4
53½	24½	Cupid	26	...	...	...	...
248½	130	Dawson	132	...	...	7.3	9.9
47	22	Drummond	40	...	...	...	...
84	65	Fampele	82	...	...	7.5	12.7
34	15	Foster (John)	21	...	...	...	...
133	82	Gaskell	115	...	4.2	4.6	...
223	156	Hicking Pntcst	218	+5	...	2.3	16.9
90	45	Jerome (S)	68	...	...	0.4	...
422	249	Lamont	394	...	12.0	3.8	26.1
315	353½	Leeds	356	...	8.5	2.1	—
64	15	Lister	36	-1	0.1	0.2	...
122	73	Lyles (S)	89	...	...	4.6	...
215	89	Magellan	212	...	1.4	0.8	...
214	77½	Parkland	198	...	...	1.1	...
102½	82	Readicut	97 †	...	...	4.4	18.3
66	35	SEET	53	...	...	...	...
147	72	Sirdar	120	...	...	5.2	8.9
72	44	Stirling Gp	69	-2	1.8	3.4	16.9
51	37	Stoddard	37 †	...	...	5.1	34.4
312	250	Tomkinsons	278 †	...	11.5	5.2	—
62½	32½	West Trust	37 #	...	...	9.2	...
242	126	Yorklyde	241	...	...	2.8	15.8

TOBACCOS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
541	407	BAT	534	+17	...	4.5	16.0

TRANSPORT

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
529	349	Assoc Br Ports	525	+1	...	2.1	...
996	707	BAA	996 †	+21	...	2.1	24.7
447	249	Br Airways	447 †	+14	...	3.0	20.0
110	56	Clarkson (H)	100	-1	1.7	2.2	...
23	23	Davies Newman	23 #	...	...	...	...
515	332	Eurotunnel Uts	464	...	...	...	...
82	44	Fisher (James)	78	...	0.5	0.8	20.9
220	147	IoM Steam	217½	...	...	4.8	11.4
38	24	Jacobs (JI)	34	...	0.5	1.8	...
107	41	Lon O'Seas Frts	103	...	...	1.3	18.9
445	264	Mersey Docks	434	+3	...	2.6	29.5
271	181	Mall Express	254	-1	...	3.5	26.3
284	228	NFC	247	+13	...	3.7	18.1
343	244	Ocean Group	311	...	...	5.8	...
73	43	Ocean Wilson	70	...	4.0	7.1	12.7
676	504	P & O Dfd	621	+18	...	6.1	33.7
194	127	P & O 5 1/2%	188	...	...	3.7	...
629	448	Powell Duffryn	616 †	-3	...	4.6	23.9
225	117	Seacon	211	...	...	3.2	13.3
163	112	Stagecoach	149	...	...	3.2	18.0
81½	31½	TNT	76	+3	...	...	...
773	624	Tibber & Brine	725	...	12.6	2.2	27.8
382	37	Tiphook	62	...	...	...	...
298	227	TDG	275	+1	...	4.3	8.1

WATER

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
574	455	Anglian Water	571 †	+11	...	4.7	11.4
347	244	Mid Kent Hldgs	347	...	...	3.9	12.6
711	547	Northumbrian	711	+16	...	4.1	8.3
585	431½	North West	584	+17	...	4.6	10.4
607	439	Severn Trent	607	+15	...	4.5	9.3
644	454	Sthrn Water	643	+18	...	4.1	10.7
1605	1225	Sth Staffs	1515 †	...	48.5	4.0	10.8
630	465	South West	628 †	+13	...	4.8	10.3
584	454	Thames Water	565	+10	...	4.8	11.1
688	506	Welsh Water	688	+18	...	4.3	6.9
693	536	Wessex Water	689	+14	...	3.9	10.4
607	473½	Yorkshire W	607	+12	...	4.5	10.0

Source: Finstat

♦ USM; # Price at suspension; † Ex dividend; ‡ Ex scrip; † Ex rights issue; ‡ Ex all; § Ex capital distribution; — Figures or report awaited; ... No significant data.

BRITISH FUNDS

SHORTS (under 5 years)

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
102	100	Treas 8½% 1994	100	...	8.46	5.24
109	102	Treas 14½% 1994	102	...	14.19	5.14
109	103	Exch 13½% 1994	103	...	13.08	5.02
105	102	Treas 10% 1994	102	...	9.76	4.95
110	105	Exch 12¼% 1994	105	...	11.89	4.95
105	103	Treas 9% 1994	103	...	8.68	4.90
111	107	Treas 12% 1995	107	...	11.15	4.92
97	94	Gas 3% 1990-95	97	...	3.07	4.69
109	107	Exch 10¼% 1995	108	...	9.49	4.98
116	113	Treas 12¾% 1995	114	...	11.18	5.03
120	116	Treas 14% 1996	117	...	11.91	5.13
125	121	Treas 15¼% 1996	122	...	12.46	5.19
120	115	Exch 13¼% 1996	118	...	11.21	5.20
112	108	Conv 10% 1996	112	...	8.89	5.32
122	118	Treas 13¼% 1997	121	...	10.87	5.48
114	110	Exch 10½% 1997	114	...	9.17	5.47
110	105	Treas 8¾% 1997	110	...	7.91	5.54
132	127	Exch 15% 1997	131	...	11.38	5.72
114	109	Exch 9¾% 1998	114	...	8.52	5.74
106	99	Treas 7¼% 1998	106	...	6.84	5.66
105	101	Treas 7¼% B 1998	105	...	6.84	5.66
102	97	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	102	...	6.60	5.11
131	125	Treas 14% 1998-01	131	...	10.68	5.95

MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
139	133	Treas 15½% 1998	139	...	11.09	5.86
125	118	Exch 12% 1998	125	...	9.57	5.97
115	108	Treas 9½% 1999	115	...	8.23	5.93
127	120	Exch 12¼% 1999	127	...	9.60	6.08
120	112	Treas 10½% 1999	120	...	8.71	6.02
120	112	Conv 10¼% 1999	120	...	8.50	6.09
115	106	Conv 9% 2000	115	...	7.82	6.05
135	125	Treas 13% 2000	135 †	...	9.59	6.32
120	109	Treas 10% 2001	120	...	8.28	6.33
121	108	Treas 9¾% 2002	121	...	8.03	6.47
111	97	Treas 8% 2003	111	...	7.18	6.37
124	109	Treas 10% 2003	124	...	8.01	6.50
128	116	Treas 11½% 2001-04	128	...	8.98	6.57
83	67	Fund 3½% 1999-04	83 †	...	4.19	3.56
122	105	Conv 9½% 2004	122	...	7.73	6.52
123	105	Conv 9½% 2005	123	...	7.72	6.56
141	124	Treas 12½% 2003-05	141	...	8.86	6.75
110	94	Treas 8% 2002-06	110	...	7.27	6.50
133	118	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	133	...	8.78	6.71
116	97	Treas 8½% 2007	116	...	7.30	6.64
149	131	Treas 13½% 2004-08	149	...	9.05	6.77

LONGS (over 15 years)

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
121	101	Treas 9% 2008	121	...	7.39	6.66
112	92	Treas 8% 2009	112	...	7.11	6.60
123	100	Conv 9% 2011	123 †	...	7.28	6.68
124	100	Treas 9% 2012	124	...	7.23	6.68
91	70	Treas 5½% 2008-12	91	...	6.02	6.27
111	89	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	111	...	6.90	6.61
114	93	Treas 8% 2013	114	...	6.97	6.64
155	129	Exch 12% 2013-17	155 †	...	7.70	6.83
124	97	Treas 8¾% 2017	124	+1	7.02	6.65

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1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
52	38	War Ln 3½%	52 †	...	6.71	...
36	27	Treas 2½%	36	...	6.93	...

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1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
136	131	Treas IL 2% 1994	136	...	...	...
204	194	Treas IL 2% 1996	204	...	0.95	1.85
113	105	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	113	...	1.23	1.87
174	159	Treas IL 2½% 2001	174	...	2.30	2.66
170	155	Treas IL 2½% 2003	170	...	2.51	2.81
116	105	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	116	...	2.57	2.86
180	159	Treas IL 2% 2006	180	...	2.63	2.85
165	144	Treas IL 2½% 2009	164	...	2.79	2.98
171	148	Treas IL 2½% 2011	171	...	2.86	3.03
142	122	Treas IL 2½% 2013	142	...	2.88	3.04
153	130	Treas IL 2½% 2016	153	...	2.93	3.08
148	124	Treas IL 2½% 2020	148	...	2.98	0.11
124	102	Treas IL 2½% 2024	124	...	2.97	3.09
124	103	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	124	...	2.99	3.12

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AIB UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
92 Belmont Rd, Uxbridge, Middx UB8 1RZ
0895 259 788

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Growth Amer	146.80	153.50r	+ 1.50	...
Growth Equity	242.10	256.10	+ 1.10	1.25
Growth Euro	193.40	203.60	+ 1.60	...
Growth Exp Rel	112.40	116.50	+ 1.00	1.10
Growth Gilt	81.77	84.30	- 0.08	4.48
Growth Japan	154.90	163.00r	+ 1.80	...

AXA EQUITY & LAW UNIT TST MGRS
Equity & Law Hse, Corpn St, Coventry
0203 555 234

General Acc	322.70	336.10	+ 3.70	2.23
General Inc	470.60	501.00	+ 5.50	2.23
UK Growth Acc	356.50	379.30	+ 5.30	2.40
UK Growth Inc	249.60	265.60	+ 2.50	2.40
Higher Inc Acc	667.40	710.00	+ 6.60	3.28
Higher Inc Inc	599.10	636.60	+ 5.90	3.28
Gilts/Fxd Int Acc	194.20	206.00	+ 0.50	5.56
Gilts/Fxd Int Inc	99.29	104.80	+ 0.29	5.56
Nth America	266.90	284.00	+ 1.60	...
Far East	331.70	352.90	- 0.80	0.03
Europe	263.00	279.80	+ 2.60	0.84
Brit Bond	71.51	76.09	+ 0.35	2.48
Brit Fedmats Acc	101.10	107.60	+ 0.70	4.17
Brit Fedmats Inc	76.79	81.70	+ 0.53	4.17
Global Opps	82.74	88.03r	- 0.08	0.06
Balanced Acc	53.77	57.21r	+ 0.32	2.28
Balanced Inc	53.30	56.71r	+ 0.33	2.28

ABBEY UNIT TST MGRS
90 Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth 0345 777 575

High Income				
Gilts & Fixed Int	138.90	147.20r	- 0.10	5.43
High Inc Equity	165.50	176.00	+ 0.30	4.47
Worldwide Bond	272.70	289.10r	+ 1.40	3.63
Capital Growth				
American Growth	304.80	325.90	+ 0.90	.97
Asian Pacific	360.40	383.30	+ 4.10	.34
Assets & Earnings	251.30	267.30r	+ 4.50	2.04
Comdty & Energy	110.60	118.30	+ 1.40	.47
1992 Enterprise	90.13	96.39	+ 0.61	1.99
Euro Capital Inc	121.80	130.20	+ 0.70	.25
General	227.00	241.40	+ 0.30	2.25
Japan	110.00	117.60	+ 0.90	...
Maidenhead	134.50	143.80	+ 0.50	1.29
UK Growth Dist	183.90	196.60	+ 1.30	2.14
US Emerging Cos	131.60	139.90	+ 1.10	...
Income & Growth	385.60	408.50r	+ 1.30	3.20
Ethical	70.02	74.48	+ 0.15	2.44
International	108.10	114.90	+ 0.60	1.46
Dividend & Growth	92.14	86.10	+ 0.07	4.25
Global Gwth & Sec	64.03	68.11	- 0.08	2.79

ABERFORTH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD
14 Melville St, Edinburgh EH3 7NS
031 220 0733

UK Small Cos	1575.0	1644.0	...	...

ABTRUST UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD
10 Queens Terrace, Aberdeen AB9 1QJ
0800 833 580

Aberdeen Portfolio	61.18	65.50	+ 0.41	0.80
Amer Inc & Growth	65.26	67.93	+ 0.11	0.65
Cash	98.05	101.05r	+ 0.01	4.92
European	98.17	104.30	+ 0.82	...
European Income	95.30	101.37r	+ 0.88	1.48
Exempt	994.50	1062.5	+ 4.80	3.66
Extra Income	92.18	98.69r	+ 0.71	4.65
Far East Emrg Eco	113.5	124.8	+ 1.11	0.52
Fixed Interest	24.31	25.95r	- 0.06	7.11
Fund Inv Tst	*165.10*	*176.20*	*+ 0.80*	*0.96*
Japan	181.40	193.40	- 1.90	...
Latin American	70.17	71.04	+ 0.53	0.71
Pacific	73.43	78.65	+ 0.90	0.35
Property Share	72.30	77.18	+ 0.26	1.70
UK Emerging Cos	62.36	66.56	+ 0.04	1.87
UK Growth	44.72	48.18	+ 0.26	2.44
World Growth	74.01	78.99r	+ 0.58	0.69
Ethical	64.32	68.67r	+ 0.82	2.59
Aberdeen Glt Inc	55.26	55.26r	+ 0.09	7.39

ACUMA FUND MANAGERS LTD
5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex 0277 698 336

UK Equity Income	93.61	99.59	+ 0.82	3.36
UK Equity Growth	81.97	87.20	+ 0.60	2.91
European	64.43	68.54	+ 0.75	0.43
Nth American	66.71	70.97r	+ 0.35	1.03
Far Eastern	65.48	69.66r	+ 0.02	0.29
Money	64.93	64.93	...	4.37
Fixed Interest	73.92	78.64	+ 0.16	5.93
Index United Glt	69.18	73.62	+ 0.16	1.37

AEGON UNIT TRUSTS LTD
28 St Andrew Square, Edinburgh EH2 1YF
031 549 2525

British Growth	67.21	71.50	+ 0.19	2.61
British Income	77.62	82.57	+ 0.03	3.39
Select Portfolio	82.29	87.54	+ 0.49	...

Formerly AEtna

ALLCHURCHES INV MGMT SVS LTD
101 King's Road Brentwood CM14 4DR
0402 890 958

Amity Income	76.00	80.64	+ 0.20	2.03
Income Builder Inc	*67.79*	*72.12r*	*+ 0.67*	*2.84*

ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TSTS PLC
Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon SN1 1EL
LFA dlg: 0703 610 366 Client dlg: 0703 594 514

Balanced Trusts				
Growth & Income	346.80	363.80	+ 2.40	2.85
Capital	414.40	435.20	+ 2.80	1.80
Balanced	492.30	738.90r	+ 5.90	2.32
Accumulator	1262.0	1349.0r	+12.00	2.80
Income Trusts				
American Income	50.10	53.56	- 0.22	3.04
High Income	433.70	463.60	+ 3.70	3.41
Equity Income	244.40	261.20	+ 2.70	3.31
High Yield	266.40	284.70	+ 2.70	3.30
Govt Securities	35.54	37.51	+ 0.25	4.77
International Trusts				
Amer Spec Sits	135.20	145.00	+ 0.40	0.17
European Growth	32.43	34.46	+ 0.24	0.44
International	150.90	161.00	- 1.30	0.37
Japan	179.80	192.00	- 4.10	0.01
Pacific	392.70	420.80	+ 1.30	0.23
Sres of America	425.80	453.00r	- 1.90	0.54
Wwide Asset Val	44.41	47.47	- 0.21	0.29
Specialist Trusts				
Asset Value	539.20	576.40r	+ 6.00	2.15
Conv & Glt	48.51	51.85	+ 0.28	3.88
Smaller Cos	166.00	177.40	+ 1.40	1.22
2nd Smaller Cos	*157.70*	*168.50*	*- 0.50*	*1.23*
Recovery	138.10	147.60r	+ 0.60	1.57
Met Min & City	146.30	156.30r	+ 1.20	0.86
Ocean Earnings	346.70	370.60r	+ 3.90	2.17
Technology	154.50	165.00	+ 0.60	0.05
UK Special Sits	447.00	477.80	+ 3.10	1.93

ARKWRIGHT MANAGEMENT
1 King St, Manchester M40 5AH 0800 525 358

Growth	134.00	142.50r	+ 0.10	2.04
Income	75.96	80.81	+ 0.85	4.23
European	*56.61*	*60.23r*	*+ 0.69*	*0.91*
Recovery	*128.50*	*136.80*	*+ 1.00*	*1.89*

B & C E UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD
Manor Royal, Crawley RH10 2QP 0293 526 911

Cntrctl Out Pens	98.76	102.60	...	1.45
Founding Pers Pens	*63.56*	*65.97*	...	*4.00*

BSI-THORNHILL UNIT TST MGRS LTD
28 St John's Sq, London EC1M 4AE
071 253 6767

Capital	73.21	77.88	+ 0.63	1.99
International	60.75	64.62	+ 0.41	0.52

BAILLIE GIFFORD & CO LTD
1 Rutland Court, Edinburgh EH3 8EY
031 222 4262

America	302.50	325.70r	+ 2.60	...
Bond	128.20	134.80	+ 0.50	5.86
Brit Smlr Cos	93.94	99.94	- 0.46	1.01
Cont & Gen	61.25	65.17r	+ 0.30	1.54
Energy	430.50	458.00r	+ 2.80	0.26
Europe	213.40	227.00r	+ 1.90	0.67
Euro Smlr Cos	93.72	99.25	+ 0.26	0.98
Income Growth	340.50	363.40r	+ 1.50	4.22
Japan	297.90	316.80r	- 3.10	...
Pacific	116.10	123.50r	+ 0.50	0.66
UK Smlr Cos	47.72	50.77	+ 0.05	1.06
Japan Fd	681.70	701.20	- 5.60	...
Magd Fd	174.60	185.70	- 1.40	2.61

BANK OF IRELAND FUND MGRS LTD
36 Queen St, London EC4R 1BN 071 489 8673

Brit & Overs	287.50	302.60	...	1.19
Capital Growth	115.50	121.60	...	2.23
Wwide Opps	189.20	199.20	...	0.48

BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD
11 Thavies Inn, Stratford E15 4BJ 081 534 5544
Balanced Trusts

Bst Inv Fd Inc	347.70	362.20r	+ 2.30	2.73
European Bd Inc	100.40	104.00	+ 0.30	7.18
Financial	76.65	81.39r	+ 0.22	3.96
Financial	74.76	79.56r	+ 0.49	2.39
500.00	436.70	468.30	- 0.60	2.54
General	273.00	292.00	+ 0.80	2.55
Property	241.80	259.30r	-	6.14
Trustee	187.50	200.50	+ 1.00	2.32
Income Trusts				
Cash Inc	100.80	100.80	+ 0.10	4.93
Extra Income	118.40	127.20	+ 0.10	4.13
Gilt & Fxd Int	62.88	64.99r	-	7.76
Income	542.70	580.40	+ 1.10	3.98
Income Builder	66.87	71.13	+ 0.05	4.66
Intl Income	68.19	72.54	+ 0.24	2.86
Growth Trusts - UK				
Capital	118.80	126.50	+ 0.80	2.59
LeSmr	114.00	121.90	-	1.59
Recovery	404.50	432.60	- 0.10	2.64
Smlr Cos Inc	39.62	42.44	+ 0.12	2.23
Special Sits	249.60	268.40	+ 1.10	1.99
Growth Trusts - Overseas				
America	132.40	140.50r	+ 1.00	0.22
Amer Acc	126.70	251.80	+ 0.40	1.44
Aust Inc	148.10	157.50r	+ 1.40	1.44
Euro Gwth Inc	134.20	142.30	+ 1.30	0.45
Japan & Gen Inc	163.50	173.10	- 0.50	...
Japan Spec Sits	71.60	75.85	- 0.26	...
Unity Trust Inc	*72.53*	*77.02*	*- 0.12*	*0.50*
Worldwide	166.60	176.90	+ 0.50	0.40

BARING FUND MANAGERS LTD
PO Box 158, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4TQ
081 658 9002

American Growth	100.60	106.60	- 0.10	0.10
Amer Smlr Cos	132.60	142.10	+ 0.80	...
Cash Trust	50.25	50.25r	+ 0.01	4.90
Convertibles	58.47	62.53	+ 0.04	5.60
Eastern	255.30	296.90	+ 3.00	1.65
Equity Income	93.07	99.01r	+ 0.53	5.00
European Growth	279.10	296.40	+ 4.10	1.50
Europe	190.10	203.00r	+ 2.10	1.50
German Growth	75.12	79.99	+ 1.24	0.70
Global Bond	70.72	74.62	+ 0.16	5.30
Global Growth	125.10	133.70r	+ 0.80	...
Japan Growth	188.30	201.60	- 0.30	...
Japan Smaller	198.10	170.60	- 1.40	...
Korea Trust	63.62	68.15	+ 1.57	...
Portfolio	133.80	142.90	+ 0.90	3.20
UK Growth	91.36	97.19	+ 0.40	2.80
UK Smaller Cos	89.50	95.72r	- 0.37	1.90
Select Managers	73.95	79.12	+ 0.42	2.00

BLACKSTONE FRANKS UT MGRS LTD
24-34 Old Street, London EC1V 9HL
071 250 3300

Intl Gwth Port Inc	75.27	80.07	...	...
Special Oppor Inc	49.94	53.13	...	...

BREWIN DOLPHIN UT MGRS LTD
5 Gilmspur St, London EC1A 9DE 071 236 6441

Special Sits	*171.20*	*183.60*	*+ 0.40*	*0.51*
Dividend	82.75	88.50	+ 0.02	4.31
Int Gth & Inc	*229.70*	*245.70*	*+ 0.80*	*2.67*
UK & Gen	45.59	48.76	- 0.41	1.33
Fund of Funds	64.55	69.04	+ 0.26	...

BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MGRS LTD
50 Bothwell Street, Glasgow G2 6HR
041 223 6020

Balanced Growth	106.41	113.80	+ 0.83	1.88
Smaller Cos	*93.99*	*100.60*		*1.03*
Higher Yield	44.48	47.57	+ 0.12	3.01
American Gth Inc	67.38	72.06	+ 0.36	...
European Growth	120.09	128.44	+ 1.27	0.17
Global Bond Inc	31.84	32.93r	+ 0.01	4.86
Mngd Ptflio Inc	41.19	44.05	+ 0.23	1.08

BURRAGE UNIT TST MGMT LTD
177 Bunchurch St, London EC3M 5AL
071 488 7266

Short Dated Gilt	70.11	71.06	- 0.02	4.91

CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD
PO Box 105, Manchester M60 3AH
061 837 5060

Environ	145.40	154.70r	+ 0.20	1.41
UK Growth	*163.10*	*173.60*	*+ 0.20*	*1.92*
UK Income	126.30	145.50	+ 0.30	3.84

CANADA LIFE UNIT TST MGRS LTD
Hill St, Potters Bar, Herts EN6 5BA
0707 651 122

Can Gen Dist	188.00	199.30	+ 1.30	1.81
-do- Income Dist	*113.60*	*120.40r*	*+ 0.70*	*4.44*
Glit & Fxd Int	43.22	47.93	+ 0.12	5.80

For Cannon see Lincoln National

CAPEL-CURE MYERS UT MGMT LTD
35 Fountain Street, Manchester M2 2AF
061 236 5685 Enq: 061 236 5685 Dlg: 061 236 5362

American & Gen	146.30	155.30	+ 1.00	...
European Inc	78.72	83.10	+ 0.55	0.74
Far East & Gen	61.20	65.11	- 1.01	...
Smaller Cos (4-1)	75.60	80.43	*- 0.19*	*1.58*
Growth	422.10	451.50	+ 3.50	2.15
Income & Growth	423.40	450.50	+ 3.00	3.42
Master Portfolio	100.92	109.60r	+0.00	1.97
Special Sits	96.22	102.42	- 0.13	2.13
High Yield	*1339.0*	*1394.0r*	*+ 9.00*	*3.94*

CAPITAL HOUSE UNIT TST MGRS
Capital House, Festival Square, Edinburgh
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American Gwth Tst	37.72	40.34	- 0.35	0.91
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ACCOUNTANCY

Cutting prices - not standards

BY JACK MAURICE

COST-cutting and "loss-leaders" are considered quite acceptable when offered by suppliers of other services and commodities. Why, then, should offers of cut-price audit and accountancy result in widespread alarm and opposition? Smaller firms have expressed fears that there may be a dirty-tricks campaign by the major players to use an advantageous position in the marketplace to steal clients.

There is no evidence of such a campaign. Cases brought to the professional bodies have generally featured multinational firms' bidding for the high-profile clients of other multinationals. But there was one case of a mailed approach that brought complaints flooding in by the dozen, a diminutive provincial firm offering "a free year's audit" to individual bingo halls and other small clients in the shadowlands of entertainment. The firm's "defence" — that the alternative method of building up a practice would involve buying blocks of clients at a cost of *one-and-a-half years fees*, and that they would rather invest a year of genuine work — was accepted by the relevant institute committee.

Further, no individual Big Six firm enjoys anything like the share of the audit market normally considered necessary to engage in predatory pricing — conventionally 25 to 50 per cent — or such a share of any identifiable section of that market. So why should anyone — including the regulators — be upset?

The answer may lie in the special nature and sensitivity of audit work. If the performance of the audit of a major listed company or deposit-taker is weakened, there is the fear that thousands of investors or creditors will suffer in a subsequent financial breakdown. So the *standards* of the audit work must not suffer, whether or not the auditing firm is covering the costs. Those standards include preservation of the required objectivity on the part of the reporting team. They must not be afraid to take issue with the client on matters of principle, even if that means that there will be no future years of audit at a fee level that has become profitable. Finally, the client must not be misled into thinking that the loss-leading level of fees will continue into future years (unless that is what the parties have agreed).

The professional bodies decided to seek views. The mechanism for such broad based consultation is well established by now in the hands of the Chartered Accountants Joint Ethics Committee (CAJEC), a joint venture of the three UK and Irish institutes.

Three options were identified:

☐ To leave things as they were — the existing guidance includes a requirement not to mislead the client as to the level of future fees or the range of services to be provided — while monitoring developments.

☐ To strengthen the guidance to include measures to protect auditing standards and to warn specifically of the dangers of loss of objectivity.

☐ To seek to *prohibit outright* the practice of undercutting/low-balling/charging an uneconomic fee.

This last approach has been considered by the transatlantic accountancy regulators, but defining adequately what is an "uneconomic" fee is fraught with practical difficulty.

Respondents favoured the second option: strengthening the guidance. A revised Statement on Fees just approved by the institutes, which also clarifies fee detailing and "quotations", contains the following: "2.4 Firms obtaining work having quoted levels of fees which they have reason to believe are significantly lower than those charged by an existing auditor or quoted by other tendering firms, should be aware that their objectivity may appear to be threatened. Such firms should ensure that their work complies with Auditing Standards and Guidelines and Audit Regulations and, in particular, quality control procedures. In the event of a complaint being made to the Institute, where fees were a feature in obtaining or retaining the work, firms should be prepared to demonstrate to the Investigation Committee that: (a) the work done was in accordance with Auditing Standards; and (b) the client was not misled as to the basis on which fees for the current year and subsequent years were to be determined."

It has been pointed out by some commentators that this will in effect "reverse the burden of proof" in disciplinary proceedings: the burden will now lie on the defendant firm "to demonstrate" conformity with standards and that the client was not misled, rather than (as it generally does) on the complainant or prosecutor. The institutes believe that firms will readily accept the burden, in the interest of maintaining public confidence in their ability to carry out audits with competence and with propriety — that they will pay the price for retaining freedom to set the price!

Jack Maurice is secretary of CAJEC.

PETER TRIEVNOR



Jack Maurice says standards must not suffer, whether or not the audit firm covers costs

Small firm reform: a big opportunity

IN THE end it was all a question of chucking in a sprat to catch a mackerel. That and the nature of different Chancellors — the pawky Norman Lamont contrasting with the expansive Kenneth Clarke. But what it produced was revolutionary, quite apart from the distinct oddity of auditing getting a mention in two successive Budget speeches: no less than the first major breach in the principle of a statutory audit for all companies.

The battle over the small audit has been going on for years. The larger firms and the English ICA have argued that it is nonsense that small companies have to suffer the complexities and bureaucracy of a statutory audit when they would be much better off spending the money on a simpler system and more accounting advice. On the other side have been the certified accountants, a series of pressure groups representing banks and credit-rating agencies and, last but not least, the Inland Revenue.

In Norman Lamont's Budget last March the first step was taken. A consultative document on the subject was already due from the Department of Trade and Industry.

But Lamont's inclusion of a mention of the small audit requirement as "a disproportionate cost on smaller businesses" was taken as a sign that entrenched opposition from the taxmen and their allies was to be fought. It did not really matter that he, and the subsequent consultative document, really only talked of tiny companies with a turnover below the then VAT threshold of £37,600. The sprat had been tossed into the sea. The result was made clear in last week's Budget. On the statutory audit, Mr Clarke made it clear that "for the smallest companies the expense can be out of all proportion to the benefit". Then, interestingly enough, he introduced a personal note. "When I was at the Department of Trade and Industry," he said, "I continually pressed for a change to this".

Close observers of the nuances of DTI policy-making knew at this point that the game was up. The expansive Mr Clarke had won the battle. The current incumbent at the DTI, Michael Heseltine, had acted somewhat out of character on the issue and had been surprisingly cautious over the idea of reform. This had led to a strange alliance between the DTI and the Inland Revenue in blocking moves toward getting rid of the small audit. This in turn frustrated Neil Hamilton, the DTI minister specifically responsible for the accountancy profession. He was known to favour the more ambitious route of abolition but lacked the influence to carry it through.

Mr Clarke's solution went beyond everyone's expectations. "I have decided", he said, "that most companies with a turnover between £90,000 and £350,000 a year in future need only get an independent accountant's report on whether the company's accounts correctly reflect its books." For companies with a turnover of less than £90,000 he abolished the small audit requirement completely. The mackerel were flooding into the back of the boat.

On the surface the proposals are modest, but the key is that the principle of audits for all has been breached. As Derek Haynes, of the London partnership of the French firm of Mazars and a member of the English ICA's working party on the small audit, put it, "once this is in place then it will be revisited and can be brought into line with EC rules where there is no audit requirement for small companies". By small companies the EC currently means those with turnover of less than £2.8 million.



ROBERT BRUCE

The interest now will be in the panic that will spread across the profession. They have until next spring to sort themselves out. Then the Government will publish its detailed proposals. At the moment the profession is starting to worry about the consequences of the "independent report" they would provide for small companies.

At the theory stage this was fine. It is not difficult to produce a simple report that would suffice for a company to show its bank. The audit firm could then use its time more productively for the client. The balance of work would tilt from routine to advisory.

But these are times when responsibilities are unclear. Auditors are worrying over the scope of a simple report. They worry that banks will file the reports and whenever a company goes down and they lose their loans they will automatically sue the accountants.

The next few months will need a great deal of thought amongst the accounting bodies. But they should go for the opportunity rather than becoming dominated by the possible consequences. Accountants should not fear the future. They should adopt the attitude of the expansive Mr Clarke and embrace it.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Secrecy open to debate

HEATED debates often prompt interesting revelations, and last week's council meeting at Moorgate Place was no exception. In a debate on "openness", Ian Hay Davison, one-time chief executive of Lloyd's of London and maverick thinker, argued passionately for the English institute's disciplinary proceedings to remain secret. In so doing, he flew off at a tangent. "When I got to Lloyd's in 1983, the sentences for disciplinary offences largely depended on the miscreant's war record or how long his family had been around," he thundered. "The system was ramshackle to say the least." Unlike the secret hearings of the English ICA, for example . . .

Long hops

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Fairness to high security prisoners

Regina v Secretary of State for the Home Department, Ex parte Duggan

Before Lord Justice Rose and Mr Justice McKinnon

[Judgment December 3]

A high security risk prisoner in category A was entitled, subject to necessary exceptions arising from public interest immunity, to be informed, prior to any annual review of his security classification, of the gist of any matter of fact or opinion relevant to the determination of that security category and to be given reasons for any decision which resulted in him remaining a category A prisoner.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held, granting an application by J. W. Duggan, a category A prisoner serving a life sentence for murder, for judicial review of the refusal of the Secretary of State for the Home Department to disclose to him the gist of the reports which had led to a decision in February 1993 that he should continue to be classified as a category A prisoner, or to give reasons for that decision.

Mr Tim Owen for the applicant; Mr Stephen Richards for the secretary of state.

LORD JUSTICE ROSE said that category A prisoners were those whose escape would be highly dangerous to the public, the police or to the security of the state, no matter how unlikely that escape might be, and for whom the aim had to be to make escape impossible.

Since by definition they were regarded as highly dangerous if at large, they could not properly be regarded by the Parole Board as *suitable for release on licence.*

A review of category A prisoners was normally carried out annually by the category A section, who were provided with information about the circumstances of the offence for which the prisoner had been sentenced and his history, reports from the holding prison, information from the police and intelligence from other agencies, and accounts of operational incidents and security implications.

Most of the information consisted of written "category A reports" but some was *communicated orally.* Prisoners concerned were permitted to make representations to the section.

Where the holding prison or the section recommended a change of category, or where no change had been recommended for five years, the case was referred to the category A committee.

The secretary of state by his certificate asserted that such information and reports belonged to a class which in the public interest ought not to be disclosed or to be the subject of oral evidence, on the footing that that would be liable to prejudice the effective operation of the prison service and the fulfilment of its responsibility of keeping highly dangerous prisoners in custody; and that sifting or editing those documents so as to disclose only the gist would be administratively burdensome and might alert prisoners to those cases where reliance was placed on information which should not be disclosed.

However, he made no contents *claim and conceded that if fairness* required disclosure the class claim would fail.

The applicant contended that Lord Mustill's view expressed in *R v Secretary of State for the Home Department, Ex parte Doody* (*The Times* June 29; [1993] 3 WLR 154, 170), that it was impossible to imagine that a prisoner had no right to address to the secretary of state reasons why the penal element of his sentence should be fixed at a lower rather than an higher level, should apply equally to prisoners whom it was proposed to allocate to category A; and that fairness required that a category A prisoner should have both access to the gist of the reports about him, relying on the six principles identified by Lord Mustill in *Doody* (at p168) and the reasons for the decision to continue his category A status.

Although there was no general duty to give reasons for an administrative decision, to his Lordship's mind, the authorities showed an ever increasing variety of situations where, depending on the nature of the decision and the process by which it had been reached, fairness required that reasons be given.

Lord Oliver of Aylmerton's *dictum* in *Leech v Deputy Governor of Parkhurst Prison* ([1988] AC 533, 578), that an adjudication on prison discipline was a public function affecting the liberty and status of the person which was subject to the common law duty of procedural fairness, applied *a fortiori* where what was sought to be challenged was not merely a disciplinary decision of limited significance but a decision which had an impact on the date of a prisoner's ultimate release.

His Lordship could not accept that there was any material practicable distinction between a Parole Board decision regarding the release of a life sentence prisoner and a governor's decision that a lifer should be category A.

Although there were distinctions, procedurally and otherwise, both decisions bore directly on a prisoner's prospect of release. In that respect category A prisoners were different from those in other categories, for it was wholly improbable that the Parole Board would recommend the release of a category A prisoner and inconceivable that the secretary of state would sanction the release even if it did.

As long as a prisoner remained in category A his prospects for release on parole were nil. The inescapable conclusion was that a decision to classify or continue the classification of a prisoner as category A had a direct impact on the liberty of the subject.

The decision of Mr Justice Cantley in *Payne v Home Office* (unreported, May 2, 1977), that a category A prisoner should not have access to the contents or substance of reports on him or to make representations, could no longer be regarded as good law.

There was no reason, however, for initial categorisation procedures on admission to prison to be subject to the same requirements. Speedy categorisation of those who might be dangerous was essential in the public interest.

Those placed in category A would almost always if not inevitably be serving substantial sentences, so that the impact of initial categorisation was unlikely materially to affect their prospect of release. There was nothing unfair in that initial categorisation being undertaken without the substance of reports being revealed or reasons being given.

However, on the first and subsequent annual reviews, fairness required that the gist of reports be revealed and reasons given subsequently.

Fairness required that the applicant be granted the declarations sought, namely, that:

1 before his case was next considered by the category A section the applicant was entitled, subject to necessary exceptions arising from public interest immunity, to be informed of the gist of any matter of fact and/or opinion relevant to the determination of his security category; and

2 subject to any necessary exceptions arising from public interest immunity, the applicant was entitled to be given reasons for any future decision which resulted in him remaining a category A prisoner.

Mr Justice McKinnon agreed.

Solicitors: B. M. Birnberg & Co, Lambeth: Treasury Solicitor.

No clean break in cases involving children

Crozier v Crozier

Before Mrs Justice Booth

[Judgment December 7]

Parents were obliged to maintain their children and the clean break principle had never applied in family law proceedings relating to the maintenance of children.

There was long standing statutory provision, the most recent, the Child Support Act 1991 whereby the state could claim contribution from the liable relative for the state support of a child living with a *single parent on limited means.*

Mrs Justice Booth so held in the Family Division when refusing to grant leave to a former husband, Mr Gary Crozier, to appeal out of time against a consent order made in ancillary proceedings following divorce on February 8, 1989 in Carlisle County Court.

Mr Iain Goldrein for Mr Crozier; Mrs Judith Fordham for Mrs Jacqueline Crozier.

MRS JUSTICE BOOTH said that the consent order, agreed by both parties, provided that the husband transfer his half share in the former matrimonial home to his former wife in full and final settlement of all her financial claims against him.

The order also provided that there would be a nominal order for the maintenance of the one boy of the family who was then aged five and lived with the wife. The wife was *in receipt of income support.*

In 1993, there had been a complaint in Carlisle Magistrates' Court under the Social Security Administration Act 1992 requiring the husband to contribute to the boy's *maintenance.* The justices ordered him to pay £4 a week.

The husband had now received documents from the Child Support Agency and it was expected that his liability for his son's maintenance would increase to about £29 a week. The husband now sought to vary the consent order to recover his half share in the former home.

The marriage between the parties had lasted six years. On transferring his half share the husband was not required to contribute to the mortgage. But contrary to the intention of the parties he was ordered to pay £4 a week for the child. His earnings were £9,390 gross.

He now lived with another woman and her child, aged seven, and the child, now aged two, of their union. She earned about £4,800 a year. They were purchasing their home, a former council house, with the aid of a 100 per cent mortgage.

The former wife was living with a man with whom she intended to marry. They had a baby of six months. In view of the intended marriage the wife had sold her property and the proceeds of £20,000 were being held on deposit pending the outcome of these proceedings.

The husband was looking for his share of the proceeds to provide for *the future maintenance of his son.* He did not dispute his obligation to maintain his son but said he had already fulfilled that obligation by the capital payment to the wife of the half share of the home.

By reason of the intervention of the state, the husband contended that he was being required to pay twice over, no account being taken of the sum already paid.

It was said there would have been no agreement if it was thought that the husband would have to pay child maintenance of the magnitude calculated by the formula in the 1991 Act.

Between spouses the clean break principle formed part of the statutory code which governed the court's approach to applications for ancillary relief. Different considerations, however, applied to child maintenance where the ongoing responsibility of the parents had remained a basic factor to which the clean break principle had never applied.

In *Preston v Preston* ([1982] Fam 17), Lord Justice Brandon had expressed the view that it was neither possible or desirable to bring about a clean break between father and son.

While the parties could achieve a clean break between themselves they could not do so in respect of their child.

At the time of the agreement the wife was on income support and the state was empowered to seek recovery of expenditure on benefit from a person *liable for maintenance.* The relevant statute at the time was the Social Security Act 1986. Its precursor was the Supplementary Benefits Act 1976.

The purpose of the Child Support Act 1991 which came into force on April 5, 1993 was to make provision for the assessment, collection and enforcement of periodical maintenance payable by certain parents with respect to their children who were not in care.

To that end, the 1991 Act introduced machinery, outside the jurisdiction of the courts, whereby child maintenance was assessed in accordance with a formula based upon income support rates and on prescribed information as to the financial means of both parents.

The calculation did not admit of variation. It was a mathematical computation. The result could be very different from the quantum of a court order.

Mr Goldrein had submitted that the method of assessment, imposed by Parliament since the making of the order, was a new event which undermined the basis of the consent order to the extent that it should be set aside.

Her Ladyship was unable to accept that submission. The fact that Parliament had chosen an administrative method compelling a parent to contribute towards his child's maintenance and which bypassed the jurisdiction of the courts did not fundamentally alter the position as it was in February 1989.

The parties were then unable to achieve a clean financial break in respect of their son. The legal liability to maintain him remained on them both. While the wife was prepared to assume that responsibility as between herself and her former husband, she could not fulfil it without the assistance of the state.

The state was never bound by their agreement. At any time it could have intervened to seek an order through the courts and the parties were not entitled to assume it would not.

It was immaterial that the parental liability would now be enforced through an agency outside the courts. That was a difference only in the means by which the state might relieve itself of the obligation which it was the duty of the parents to discharge.

Neither the existence of the order made in March by the justices or any anticipated liability which might be levied under the 1991 Act constituted a new event sufficient to invalidate the basis of the agreed order. There were no grounds on which to set the consent order aside and leave to appeal out of time would be refused.

Solicitors: Brabner Holden, Liverpool; J. A. Coupland & Co, Carlisle.

Council not obliged to provide transport

Regina v Essex County Council, Ex parte C

Before Lord Justice Russell, Lord *Justice Staughton and Lord Justice* Steyn

[Judgment November 24]

A local education authority was not obliged to provide a child with free transport to the school of his parents' choice irrespective of the distance involved or the existence *of an equally suitable school closer* to home.

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment dismissing an appeal by C, a boy aged nine, against the refusal by Mr Justice Jowitt (*The Times* April 29) to grant a declaration that Essex County Council was obliged to make arrangements for the provision of transport free of charge to facilitate his attendance at the school of his parent's choice.

Section 55 of the Education Act 1944 provides: "(1) A local education authority shall make such arrangements for the provision of transport ... as they consider necessary or as the minister may direct for the purpose of facilitating the attendance of pupils at schools ... and any transport provided in pursuance of such arrangements shall be provided free of charge."

Mr Phillip Engelman for the appellant; Mr Richard McManus for the council.

LORD JUSTICE RUSSELL, agreeing with the judgment of Lord Justice Staughton, said that Mr Engelman had contended that once parents expressed a preference for a particular school suitable for their child then, irrespective of its distance from the child's home, the local education authority was under a statutory duty to provide free transport to and from the child's home even though a suitable school was available nearer to the child's home.

While Parliament had accepted that parental choice of schooling was important, the legislation did not give parents a right to decide the school at which a child would be educated.

Parental choice was subject, *inter alia*, to "the avoidance of unreasonable public expenditure": section 76 of the 1944 Act.

His Lordship could see no duty imposed upon the authority to provide free transport for C by virtue of the provisions of section *55 of the 1944 Act.*

That section recognised that it was for the authority or the secretary of state to take the decision as to free transport, and it was not suggested that the decision of the authority had been *Wednesbury* unreasonable ([1948] 1 KB 223).

Quite apart from section 55, Mr Engelman had sought to rely upon section 39(2)(c) of the 1944 Act as giving rise, albeit by necessary implication, to a duty to provide free transport.

That provision afforded a defence to a criminal charge of failing to secure the regular attendance of a child at school if the parent proved "that the school at which the child is a registered pupil is not within walking distance of the child's home, and that no suitable arrangements have been made by the local education authority either for his transport to and from the school or for boarding accommodation for him at or near the school, or for enabling him to become a registered pupil at a school nearer to his home."

Mr Engelman's submission was *that because the parents had* exercised their choice of school and the school was a suitable one for C the authority could not be heard to say that the nomination of another school involved "suitable arrangements ... for enabling him to become a registered pupil at a school nearer to his home."

His Lordship was quite unable to accept that construction of the section, for he could not believe that Parliament had intended that a parent could always demand free transport irrespective of the distance involved and irrespective of an equally suitable educational establishment nearer to the child's home.

There were no other provisions in the legislation which, in his Lordship's view, assisted the appellant and the appeal would be dismissed.

Lord Justice Steyn gave a *concurring judgment.*

Solicitors: Teacher Stern Selby; Mr R. W. Adcock, Chelmsford.

Guarantee survives judgment

Duchess Theatre Co Ltd and Others v Lord and Others

The requirement that a party would not be permitted to re-open after judgment a point properly belonging to the subject of litigation which could have been brought forward in the original action (*Henderson v Henderson* (1843) 3 Hare 100)) did not preclude a demand for payment under a guarantee which had not been called in at the date of the original judgment.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Balcombe, Lord Justice Stuart-Smith and Lord Justice Peter Gibson) so held on December 3 dismissing an appeal by the Duchess Theatre Co Ltd and nine other plaintiffs against an order of Mr Justice Mummery striking out their statement of claim for recovery of moneys from Alan Lord and 17 other defendants as disclosing no cause of action.

LORD JUSTICE BALCOMBE said the plaintiffs' actions all depended on a primary claim that the eighteenth defendant, Johnson Matthey Bankers, was not entitled *to keep any moneys received from* the receiver of the Gomba group of companies other than sums Mr Justice Hoffmann had ordered the plaintiffs to pay them in 1986.

The plaintiffs had claimed that their remaining obligations, under guarantees that had not been called in 1986, had merged *into* the judgment sum and that JMB were precluded from keeping additional moneys received from Gomba group assets.

It would be an unwarranted extension of the principle in *Henderson v Henderson*, even if it were otherwise applicable, to apply it to a case where no cause of action existed at the relevant date but which might then have existed had JMB made the necessary demands on the plaintiffs.

Roll-over gains tax relief lost

Campbell Connelly & Co Ltd v Barnett (Inspector of Taxes)

The right to roll-over relief from capital gains tax on the replacement of business assets was lost where the gains from the sale of business premises were used to purchase new premises that could *not be taken into trade use until* vacant possession was obtained some months later.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Dillon, Lord Justice Mann and Lord Justice Hirst) so held on November 22 dismissing an appeal by Campbell Connelly & Co Ltd from the, judgment of Mr Justice Knox ([1992] STC 316) upholding a determination by Westminster general commissioners that the relieving provisions of section 115 of the Capital Gains Tax Act 1979, now section 152 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, did not permit the gain accruing on the sale of premises at Soho Square, to be rolled over into the acquisition of new trading premises at Frith Street.

LORD JUSTICE DILLON said that the company had acquired the freehold interest in its new trading premises in January 1986 but could not occupy them for the purposes of its trade until the completion of the purchase of an underlease of the property the following September.

Section 115(1) of the 1979 Act required that the new trading premises "on the acquisition are taken into use, and used only, for the purposes of the trade".

Mr Justice Knox had been correct in holding that the transactions did not in the face of the plain wording of section 115(1) attract the relief.

Arson sentencing

Regina v Smith (Vivien Jane)

When sentencing in cases of arson not involving intent to endanger life or recklessness as to whether life was endangered, judges often pointed out, rightly, that in any case where the fire brigade could be expected to attend there was a risk of injury or even death to those fighting the fire. That underlined the seriousness of the offence and justified a long sentence.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Evans, Mr Justice Rougier and Mr Justice Douglas Brown) so stated on December 6 when dismissing the appeal of Vivien Jane Smith, an animal rights activist, against the sentence of six years imprisonment imposed on June 30, 1992 at Maidstone Crown Court by Judge Waley, QC, on the appellant's plea of guilty to attempted arson.

MR JUSTICE DOUGLAS BROWN said that in this case the judge pointed out the risks in robust terms.

The sentence of six years was fully justified, not only to deter others but also to deter the appellant, who was plainly undeterred by a sentence of four years imprisonment imposed on her in 1987 for conspiracy to commit criminal damage.

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CINEMA: **Geoff Brown** on the latest Addams chiller with chuckles; and Bologna's annual round-up of film rarities

Ghouls and boys come out to play

"He has my father's eyes!" Raul Julia drools, gazing proudly at the Addams family's new acquisition, a big pale baby with an early moustache. "Gomez", Anjelica Huston says, "take them out of his mouth!" And so, with a joke worthy of the Marx Brothers on a bad day, America's most macabre household marches back on to the screen.

The ingredients of **Addams Family Values** are little changed from the 1991 film that brought voracious new audiences for Charles Addams's cartoons and the television series they inspired in the 1960s. The humour is ghoulish, the delivery deadpan, the plot episodic and undernourished. The frenetic director, Barry Sonnenfeld, remains the same. The main cast, too, is unaltered, although two additions make their mark. One is the bouncing baby, delightfully named Pubert; another is the conniving nanny (played by Joan Cusack), hired to ward off the raging jealousy of the other Addams offspring, Pugsley and Wednesday.

Cusack, however, has plans for Christopher Lloyd's Uncle Fester. Even though Fester's idea of romantic behaviour is to stick bread sticks up his nostrils, she schemes to win his heart, murder him and claim his bank balance. Here what passes for a plot breaks down, partly through Lloyd's aggressive performance. This bald, hollow-eyed Fester has none of the sweetness Jackie Coogan bestowed on the television series: the bemused looks and hesitations from the first *Addams* film have also vanished. Overkill rules.

You see the process at work elsewhere. Thing, the family's pet disembodied hand, scuttles about too much (sometimes on roller skates). Ken Adam's sets are emptily grandiose, lacking the fanciful flourishes that Richard MacDonald brought to the Addams mansion two years ago.

But whenever Sonnenfeld cuts to the two Addams sprigs, bundled off to a snooty Wasp summer camp, the film recaptures the old jovial anarchy. Writer Paul Rudnick delights in taking pot-shots at traditional values of hearth, home and country. In a camp packed with blonde, rosy-cheeked, right-thinking beauties, the Addams brood are cast as renegades, forced to sit with cuddly toys in a "Harmony Hut" and watch films like *The Sound of Music* until their spirits mellow.

Young Christina Ricci is particularly impressive as the unsmiling, funereal Wednesday; she even carries off a believable, tentative love affair with the Jewish outcast Joel (thrust to the camp's margins along with blacks and Hispanics).

An uneven affair, then, but at a time of year when funny films with a touch of the perverse are so hard to come by, no one should ignore the Addams family's contribution to pre-Christmas cheer.

Addams Family Values
Empire, PG, 93 mins
Ghoulish romp packed with jokes and flaws

Tokyo Story
Renoir, U, 135 mins
Ozu's peerless classic of family life

American Heart
Odeon Haymarket
15, 114 mins
Well-meaning social drama

The Secret Adventures of Tom Thumb
ICA Cinema, 61 mins
Grimmer than Grimm

Since the main point of **Tokyo Story** is that life disappoints, Yasujiro Ozu's masterpiece scarcely has an immediate appeal to moviegoers with most of their adult life before them.

The pivotal characters are approaching 70: a dumpy grandmother and her wiry husband, who make the big journey from Onomichi in southern Japan to visit their children in Tokyo.

"You'll have a wonderful trip," chirps a neighbour. Their widowed daughter-in-law puts herself out and is genuinely thrilled to see them; but the other relatives generate a long line of excuses, and turn their visit into a game of pass the parcel. "Isn't life disappointing?" the old folks' youngest daughter observes after noting how selfish her elders have grown. No one contradicts her.

The technique of this marvellous film — made in 1953, first released in Britain in 1965 and now revived for two weeks during a four-week Ozu season — will be equally alien to today's young filmgoers. Instead of jumping, lurching and careening like an ambulance racing through traffic, Ozu's camera stays quiet and still. The texture and composition of each shot delights the eye, moves the heart, and draws us inside these suburban Tokyo homes, with their sliding doors, distant views of bustling alleys and domestic clutter (note the packet of Rinso on the floor). And what will anyone fresh from *Demolition Man* make of a film where the most violent action is the tottering return of the sozzled old man after a night's carousing?

Yet not to have seen *Tokyo Story* is not to have lived. This is one of the most beautiful and compassionate films in history. Ozu specialised in low-key family sagas, and in *Tokyo Story* he penetrates his characters with special skill. The setting might be postwar Japan, but the themes and situations are universal: a family visit, old age, the gulf between what life might have been and what it is.

All of us will recognise ourselves somewhere: if not in the parents, trying so hard to make the best of things, then in the grown-up children, wedded to their daily routine, or the scampering kids who complain when their bed is moved or a sightseeing trip is cancelled. Ozu never wags the finger, but observes with affection. His cast responds in kind. Chishu Ryu and Chiyeko Higashiyama are particularly affecting as the ageing parents, masking disappointments with smiles; and Setsuko Hara, as their daughter-in-law, manages the difficult feat of making a good person appear interesting.

When *Tokyo Story* is dismantled and analysed shot by shot (and believe me, academics have done it), the most rigorous control of sight and sound emerges. But on the screen, it flows with ease and a simple beauty that only shines when raw life mingles with genuine art. Other Ozu films showing before Christmas are *Early Spring*, *An Autumn Afternoon*, *The Record of a Tenement Gentleman* and *The Flavour of Green Tea Over Rice*.

American Heart mixes reality with a coating of Hollywood gloss. British-born director Martin Bell earned his spurs nine years ago with *Streetwise*, a vibrant documentary about Seattle's teenage waifs and strays. This first fiction feature takes him back to the streets where the rootless young scrape by with petty crime or prostitution. But now a plot is grafted on: there is a wastrel father out of prison, trying to go straight, unable to show love to a tagalong son who drifts on to the streets.

A major star is grafted on, too. Jeff Bridges, hair in a ponytail, brow permanently furrowed, throws himself heart and soul into the role of the ex-con who dreams of a golden future in Alaska. Young Edward Furlong, from *Terminator 2* and pretty enough to appeal to all sexes, matches his dedication as the 14-year-old son, desperate for friendship.

Such strong performers deserve a better script. But the words and situations become repetitive, hollow, too obviously shaped to make a social point. Still, Bell deserves high marks for effort: how many other directors are trying to keep American cinema in touch with life on the streets?

The Secret Life of Tom Thumb, scheduled as the ICA Cinema's Christmas treat, might appeal to bloodthirsty older children with a penchant for post-industrial toxic wastelands. But adults with tender stomachs should definitely avoid this unpleasant variation on the folk tale, made by Dave Borthwick and the rest of the Bristol animation team that rejoices in the name of bolexbrothers.

Their chosen technique is pixilation, the animation of live actors frame by celluloid frame. Dialogue is mumbled, the action dreary, and the entertainment minimal. Thank heavens for its short running time.



The children from hell — Wednesday (Christina Ricci) and Pugsley (Jimmy Workman) — gloomily contemplate the good life at summer camp in *Addams Family Values*

TELEVISION

Rant of the litter

Under a burning sun in the tawny Australian outback, a befrocked Aboriginal woman exhorts her clansmen in accents as rough, dry and hairy as a kangaroo's XXXX. "This land is *our* land, it's our bloody country," she croaks. "It's a dingo's toilet!" somebody shouts. "It may be a dingo's toilet," she continues. "In fact, it *is* a dingo's toilet. But it's *our* dingo's toilet. We fought for it."

This is Ben Elton's three-part drama **Stark** (BBC2), adapted from his bestselling comic eco-thriller, in which you may substitute "planet" for "dingo's toilet" and get the gist of his message. If you will forgive the curious combination of adjectives, Stark is a light-heartedly paranoid story of cynical capitalist conspiracy and global toxic overload, in which a few powerless good guys — some old brown hippies, an American journalist, a leggy pale Louise Brooks lookalike called Rachel (Jacqueline McKenzie), and a shiftless Brit called CD (Elton *himself*) — make their puny ideological stand against the literally poisonous rich.

Whether they succeed in thwarting the mysterious conspiracy and save the world I don't know; I haven't read the book. But my hunch is that they do. This great dingo's toilet must not be allowed to die! And besides, global devastation tends to come expensive (in television terms), even when you've got Australian co-production money on board.

Set-dressing is usually a modest craft, but in the profusely littered dystopian world of *Stark*, the set-dresser ought by rights to get his name above the title. I just hope all those tin cans and heaps of rubbish were recycled, that's all. When Rachel and CD spend an afternoon on the beach, it is revealed as the sort of dump where a dingo, caught short, takes a quick glance round the door and decides to wait till later. A big sign informs the public that sunblock, hats and T-shirts must be worn at all times: there is a stiff fine for non-compliance. It is a hell hole. Indeed, any viewer easily confused about the nature of futuristic satire will probably have been on the phone to their travel agent, cancelling their antipodean holiday.

As comedy, *Stark* was a bit thin on laughs, but perhaps it takes time to get acclimatised. Elton had some good moments with CD's frustrated yearnings for Rachel (who, unluckily for him, "doesn't do sex", being a "radical non-squelcher"). Meanwhile, the Australian tycoon Sly Morgan (Colin Friels) had a nice exchange with a Beverly Hills limo driver. "Welcome to California, sir," the chauffeur said. "This greenhouse thing has made the weather kind of changeable, but you'll always find sunshine in the LA smile." Morgan gave him a steady inscrutable look. "If I want a DJ, son, I buy a radio station."

On the subject of uncovering conspiracy, last night's **Dispatches** (Channel 4) re-opened the case of the *Marchioness* disaster of 1989 (in which 51 pleasure-boat passengers died in the Thames), and produced evidence to prove that the government was wrong to refuse a public enquiry. The official version of the accident asserted that the *Marchioness* swung unexpectedly into the path of the dredger *Bowbelle*; *Dispatches* threw considerable doubt on this story, also claiming that the man at the wheel of the *Bowbelle* had to deal with a blind spot as wide and deep as the river.

LYNNE TRUSS

Days of sound before the talkies

A highlight of the Bologna film festival was the tribute to a disc that first gave the silents a voice

According to popular myth, the death knell sounded for silent cinema when Al Jolson cried: "Wait a minute, wait a minute, you ain't heard nothing yet!" during *The Jazz Singer*, released to dropped jaws in August 1927.

But the truth is that some American films could talk and sing months, even years, before Jolson bent his knees and crooned "Mammy!" The other week, Il Cinema Ritrovato, Bologna's wonderful annual festival of celluloid rarities, assembled much of the available evidence.

In numerous shorts from the mid-1920s, stars of the New York Metropolitan Opera hit the high notes, vaudeville headliners unleashed their patter, and Roy Smeck, long-forgotten "Wizard of the String", plucked his Hawaiian guitar. Feature films like *Old San Francisco* and *The First Auto* carried cacophonous scores, with sound effects.

The sounds were originally recorded by the Vitaphone system on to 16-inch discs, rotating on a turntable at 33⅓ rpm, supposedly in harmony with the images flickering through the projector. The technology, championed by Warner Brothers, was cumbersome, and each disc, carrying sound for one reel of film, could be played only 20 times before deterioration set in.

Vitaphone's hour of glory was short: by the beginning of 1930, the Movietone method, championed by Fox, in which the recorded sound was turned into vibration patterns carried along the edge of the celluloid strip, had all but eclipsed its rival.

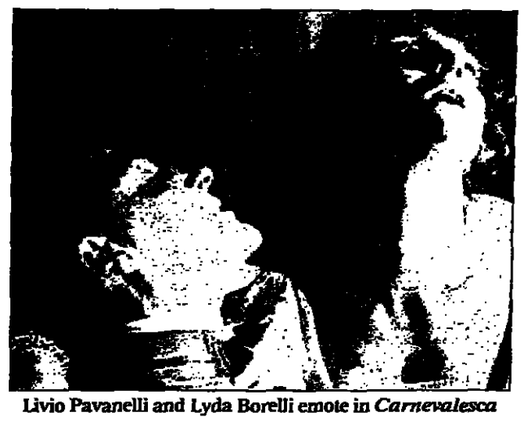
Vitaphone films have benefited recently from extensive restoration by America's archives. The new prints, collected in a travelling show called "The Dawn of Sound" (which has, maddeningly, travelled everywhere but Britain) transfer the sound from disc to film. A few surviving discs were exhibited, along with a Loetofoon, a Dutch variation.

But Bologna's festival celebrates film, not technology, and the main rewards of its section on America's transition to sound lay in discovering titles previously passed over in the rush to spotlight *The Jazz Singer*. Some, like the Arabian love story *Fazil*, offered nothing but period bosh; others emerged from their mothballs looking quite charming, especially *The First Auto*, one of several Vitaphone features from the young pen of Darryl F. Zanuck, later head of production at 20th Century Fox.

This self-styled "romance of the last horse and the first horseless carriage" raced through its wild blend of satire, melodrama, rum-ti-tum music and sound effects with aplomb.

The Vitaphone shorts had an appeal all their own. Bologna's selection rounded up sketches with Burns and Allen, Joe E. Brown and a young Spencer Tracy, but was weighted towards opera stars, giving their all to a largely static camera. We saw and heard Gigli, shaking the rafters in *Cavalleria Rusticana* and wearing rather more lipstick than is good for a tenor.

Beyond this tumult, Bologna offered its regular line-up of recent archive restorations. For heady melodrama, you could not improve on *Carnevalesca* (1918), a swirling tale of love, murder and filial jealousy directed by Amleto Palermi, set in the fancifully furnished imperial court of an imaginary country. Lyda Borelli, one of Italy's great silent divas, bore the brunt of the passions unleashed in a story that never strayed far from the ridiculous.



Livio Pavanelli and Lyda Borelli emote in *Carnevalesca*

Von Morgens bis Mitternachts (1920) proved a vastly different kettle of fish: a German Expressionist novelty as fiercely stylised as its near contemporary *The Cabinet of Dr Caligari*. The director, Karl-Heinz Martin, principally worked in the theatre, and stage artifice dominated his visual treatment of Georg Kaiser's play chronicling the downfall of a humble cashier yearning for higher things. Scenes unfold against a black background, with edges of windows, staircases and doors suggested by crudely daubed white lines. *Von Morgens*, restored by the Munich Film Museum from the only known copy, found in Japan, rates as a major cinema rediscovery, though it proved too gloomy and austere for the festival's opening night.

Another festival section was devoted to films of the First World War. In theory, nothing could be finer than to line up the extensive evidence of cinema's engagement with the war to end all wars. But the focus on non-fiction meant too many hours of newsreels and reports from the fronts.

Still, juicy plums were scattered about: awesome surveys of the Ypres wasteland; the sight of a shell-shock sufferer backing away, terrified, from a military uniform; Geoffrey Malins's moving *Battle of the Somme*, a surprising success with the British public when released in 1916.

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LONDON

CHRISTMAS BAROQUE: Seasonal music with the **English Concert**, directed by Trevor Pinnock, includes selections from Corelli, Vivaldi, Scarlatti, Handel and Telemann. With Lorna Anderson, Mark Bennett, Michael Harrison and Paul Goodwin.
St John's, Smith Square SW1 (071-222 1061). Tonight, 7.30pm.

ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA: Graham Vick's hugely entertaining production of Mozart's comedy **Figaro's Wedding** is stylishly designed by Richard Hudson and performed in Jeremy Sams's witty translation. Anwel Huw Morgan heads a strong cast in the title role; Nicholas Kok conducts.
Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 3161). Tonight, 7pm. [S]

MACBETH: Previews start tomorrow evening for Derek Jacobi and Cheryl Campbell as the hell-hound and his dam in Adrian Noble's new production.
Barbican, Barbican Centre, EC2 (071-638 8891). Friday, 7.15pm. Opens Dec 16, 7pm. [S]

ELSEWHERE

GLASGOW: Be prepared to let your imagination soar when **Scottish Ballet** revives Graham Lustig's production of *Peter Pan*. Music by Edward McGuire and designs by Margaret Woznica.
Theatre Royal, Hope Street, Glasgow (041-332 9000). Tonight, 7.15pm. Until Dec 24. [S]

LEICESTER: A seemingly harmless trip to a health spa ... a series of alarming memories ... a man is led unwillingly to his dark and forgotten past. **The Thirst** is Gavin Robertson's eery vampire tale set in the 1790s and 1990s.
Haymarket Studio, Belgrave Gate (0533-539797). Previews begin tonight, 7.45pm. Opens Dec 14. Then Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mat Sat 3pm. Til Jan 15.

MANCHESTER: A taste of potential stars is on offer this evening with a shared recital given by current students of the college who have been finalists in international competitions. Amir Katz, piano; Jane Irwin, mezzo soprano, and Steven Osborne, piano. In the presence of the president of the college, HRH The Duchess of Kent.
Royal Northern College of Music, 124 Oxford Road, (061-273 4504). Tonight, 7pm. [S]

OXFORD: The only professional panto on offer here this season is from the award-winning team of Christopher Ullcrap and Jeanette Ranger. As in previous years, **Cinderella** includes all the necessaries: dazzling costumes, sing-a-long songs, designs sure to keep the little ones from fidgeting too too much. With Sheila Steafel, Milton Hohns and Alison Senior as the girl who shall go to the ball.
Playhouse Theatre, 11-12 Beaumont Street, Oxford (0865 798600). Opens tonight, 7pm. Until Jan 8. [S]

LONDON GALLERIES

Barbican: Alphonse Mucha/Bill Brandt (071-638 4141) ... **British Museum**: Deities and Devotions: Hindu art; Demon of Painting: Kawanabe Kyosai (071-636 1555) ... **Festival Hall**: Bruce Chatwin's Photographs (071-928 3002) ... **National Portrait Gallery**: The Portrait Now; Thomas Eakins (071-306 0055) ... **National Gallery**: The Wilton Diptych (071-839 3321) ... **Royal Academy of Arts**: Drawings from the J. Paul Getty Museum; American Art in the 20th Century (071-439 7438) ... **Serpentine**: Richard Wentworth (071-402 6075) ... **Tate**: Writing on the Wall: women artists; Ben Nicholson/Turner's Vignettes (071-887 8008) ... **V & A**: Gates of Mystery: Russian icons; 150 Years of the Christmas Card (071-938 8500).

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ House full, returns only
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□ **THE BFG**: Roald Dahl's Big Friendly Giant makes his now annual seasonably festive call on London.
Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-867 1115). Mon 7pm, Tue-Fri, 2pm and 7pm; Sat 11am, 2.30pm, 7pm.

■ **CABARET**: Jane Horrocks (Sally Bowles) and Alan Cumming, fresh from Hamlet, as the MC, dancing with death in the last days before Hitler.
Donmar Warehouse, Earlham St, WC2 (071-867 1150). Opens tonight, 7pm. Then Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Wed, Sat 3pm.

◩ **CAROUSEL**: Tuneful and cleverly set Rodgers and Hammerstein has the familiar mixture of the perceptive and the maudlin.
Shaftesbury, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (071-379 5399). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 165mins [S]

□ **THE CLEARING**: A co-production with the National Theatre Studio, set in Co Kildare in the years after Cromwell. Helen Edmundson adapted the excellent *Anna Karenina* for Shared Experience.
Bush, Shepherds Bush Green, W12 (081-743 3388). Mon-Sat, 8pm.

□ **FOREVER PLAID**: Genial and wittily performed American show that pays homage to the four-part harmony groups of the 1950s.
Apollo, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5070). Mon-Thurs, 8pm; Fri, Sat 8.30pm; mats Fri, Sat, 6pm.

□ **AN INSPECTOR CALLS**: Stephen Daldry's marvellously re-imagined version of Priestley's social thriller.
Aldwych, Aldwych, WC2 (071-836 6404). Mon-Fri, 7.45pm; Sat, 5pm and 8.15pm, mat Wed, 2.30pm. [S]

■ **THE IRON MAN**: Peter Townshend's disappointing rock opera based on Ted Hughes' modern fairytale and nowhere near as thrilling.
Young Vic, 66 The Cut, SE1 (071-928 6363). Mon-Sat, at various times. (1.30pm, 2.30pm, 7pm).

□ **LOOKING THROUGH A GLASS ONION**: John Waters' musical tribute to John Lennon, remarkably close to his chaotic charm.
Criterion, Piccadilly Circus, W1 (071-839 4488). Mon-Thurs, 8pm; Fri, Sat, 6pm and 9pm.

◩ **ME AND MAMIE O'ROURKE**: Dawn French and Jennifer Saunders together in an offbeat new comedy by the author of the film *Beaches*.
Strand, Aldwych, WC2 (071-930 8800). Mon-Thurs, 8pm; Fri, Sat 6pm and 8.45pm. Opens Dec 15, 7pm.

◩ **MEDEA**: Jonathan Kent directs the magnificent Diana Rigg in Euripides's tragedy of a woman's revenge.
Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116). Mon-Fri, 8pm; Sat, 8.30pm; mats Thurs 3pm, Sat 5.30pm.

◩ **OLEANNA**: Power, politics and punishment at an American university. Great performances by David Suchet and Lia Williams in Mamet's play.
Duke of York's, St. Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 5122). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 4pm. [S]

□ **ONE MAN**: Electrifying performances by Steven Berkoff in three solo pieces: Poe's *Telltale Heart*; *Actor*; and his hilarious, chilling *Dog*.
Garrick, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-494 5040). Mon-Sat, 8pm.

□ **PRESENT LAUGHTER**: Tom Conti is seriously off-target in the Noël Coward role which the author himself described as "a mixture of self-exposure and self-celebration".
Globe, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5065). Tue-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Thurs and Sat, 3pm.

□ **RELATIVE VALUES**: Susan Hampshire, Sara Crowe and Alison Fiske head a strong cast in Coward's snobbish but clever comedy. Tim Luscombe directs.
Savoy, Strand, WC2 (071-836 8888). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm [S]

□ **WILDEST DREAMS**: Ayckbourn's first play at the RSC: a happy band of fantasy-game addicts get a scarier time than they bargained for.
Pit, Barbican Centre, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight-Mon, 7.15pm; mat Sat, 2pm. Opens Dec 14, 7pm. [S]

LONG RUNNERS

□ **Blood Brothers**: Phoenix (071-867 1044) ... □ **Buddy**: Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) ... ◩ **Cats**: New London (071-405 0072) ... ◩ **Crazy for You**: Prince Edward (071-734 8951) ... □ **Don't Dress for Dinner**: Duchess (071-494 5070) ... □ **Five Guys Named Moe**: Lyric (071-494 5045) ... ■ **Grease**: Dominion (071-580 8845) ... ■ **Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat**: Palladium (071-494 5037) ... ◩ **Les Misérables**: Palace (071-434 0909) ... ◩ **Miss Saigon**: Theatre Royal, Drury Lane (071-494 5400) ... □ **The Mousetrap**: St Martin's (071-836 1443) ... ■ **The Phantom of the Opera**: Her Majesty's (071-494 5400) ... ◩ **Starlight Express**: Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) ... ◩ **Sunset Boulevard**: Adelphi Theatre (071-344 0055) ... □ **Travels With My Aunt**: Whitehall (071-867 1119) ... □ **The Woman in Black**: Fortune (071-836 2238).

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CINEMA GUIDE

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NEW RELEASES

BOUND & GAGGED: A LOVE STORY (18): Muddled comic adventures in search of the characters' better selves. American independent misfire from writer-director Daniel Appleby.
Metro (071-437 0757) **MGM Piccadilly** (071-437 3561)

THE HAWK (15): Is Helen Mirren's husband Lancashire's serial killer? Modest but powerful domestic thriller, from Peter Ransley's novel. David Hayman directs.
MGMs: Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **Warner** [S] (071-437 4343)

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◆ **ALADDIN** (U): Disney's brash Arabian cartoon does not match expectations, though Robin Williams' Genie is fun.
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◆ **DEMOLITION MAN** (15): Sylvester Stallone versus Wesley Snipes in 21st century L.A. Marco Brambilla's satirical, overblown action romp.
MGMs: Baker Street (071-935 9772) **Fulham Road** [S] (071-370 2636) **Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Trocadero** [S] (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** [S] (071-792 3332) **Warner** [S] (071-437 4343)

IP5 (15): Yves Montand teaches two urban louts the wonders of nature and love. Highly watchable, stylised twaddle from Jean-Jacques Beineix.
Camden Plaza (071-485 2443) **Chelsea Cinema** (071-351 3742)

◆ **THE MAN WITHOUT A FACE** (12): Scarred recluse tutors a young outcast (Nick Stahl). Queasy drama from director-star Mel Gibson.
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NAKED (18): Mike Leigh's excellent, uncomfortable Cannes prizewinner about London's lost souls, with David Thewlis as the amoral drifter.
MGMs: Haymarket (071-839 1527) **Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **Notting Hill Coronet** [S] (071-727 6705)

◆ **THE PIANO** (15): Jane Campion's *magnificent tale of repression and desire* in mid-19th century New Zealand. With Holly Hunter, Sam Neill, Harvey Keitel.
Gate [S] (071-727 4043) **Lumiere** (071-836 0691) **MGMs: Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **Plaza** (071-497 9999) **Renoir** (071-837 8402) **Screen/Baker** (071-935 2772) **Screen/Green** (071-226 3520) **Screen/Hill** [S] (071-435 3366) **Warner** [S] (071-437 4343) **UCI Whiteleys** [S] (071-792 3332)

RAINING STONES (15): Wonderful slice of life on a Catholic council estate. Director Ken Loach blends biting humour and raw pain. Endearing performances from local talent.
MGM Panton Street (071-930 0631)

THE REMAINS OF THE DAY (U): Life and lost chances of an English butler. Merchant Ivory's immaculate if chilly account of Kazuo Ishiguro's novel with Anthony Hopkins, Emma Thompson.
Curzons: Mayfair (071-465 8865) **West End** (071-439 4805) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426-914 666) **Swiss Cottage** (071-586 3057)

RISING SUN (18): Murder at a Japanese conglomerate's LA headquarters. Botched if handsome adaptation of Michael Crichton's book. With Wesley Snipes and Sean Connery, Philip Kaufman directs.
MGM Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 6279) **Odeon Mezzanine** [S] (0426 915683)

RUBY IN PARADISE (15): Passive young woman (the striking Ashley Judd) finds her niche in Florida. Intimate, aggravating drama from Victor Nuñez.
Barbican [S] (071-638 8891) **MGMs: Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **Screen/Baker** (071-935 2772)

◆ **SO I MARRIED AN AXE MURDERER** (12): Is a beat poet's latest flame a serial killer? Foolish but breezy vehicle for "Wayne's World" star Mike Myers. Thomas Schlamme directs.
Odeons: Kensington (0426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **West End** (0426-915574) **UCI Whiteleys** [S] (071-792 3332)

THE STOLEN CHILDREN (15): Policeman escorts prostitute's children to Sicilian orphanage. Perceptive human drama from Gianni Amelio.
MGM Panton Street (071-930 0631)

THE STRANGER (U): Wandering uncle returns to roost. Satyajit Ray's endearing, often funny, last film starring Utpal Dutt.
Renoir (071-837 8402)

THE WEDDING BANQUET (15): Americanised immigrant from Taiwan fails to tell his parents he's gay. Delightful, caring cross-cultural comedy. Director, Ang Lee.
Metro (071-437 0757) **MGM Piccadilly** (071-437 3561)

LONDON THEATRE: Brontë adapted; pugilistic females portrayed; and office life satirised

Classic case of meddle and muddle

DONALD COOPER



Tim Pigott-Smith, a Rochester who commands the stage, with Alexandra Mathie, grave and caring as Jane

Jane Eyre
Playhouse

WELL, it is a good story, an indestructible story. That is just as well, too, for there are occasions at the Playhouse when Fay Weldon, the adapter, seems to be plotting with Helena Kaut-Howson, the director, to destroy it in a peculiarly modern way. It is as if Charlotte Brontë were in mortal combat with a kind of theatrical cleverness not at all friendly to clarity and narrative momentum.

Still, Charlotte prevails enough of the time for the evening as a whole to maintain a hold. Alexandra Mathie is not the plain Jane she should be; but she is grave, grieving, tense and caring, and sometimes all four at once. Also, she has a formidable Rochester to conquer and be conquered by. Tim Pigott-Smith commands the stage with his world-weary pout and fierce, scornful mien from the moment he rolls through the moonlit murk cursing the horse that has thrown him. When he stalks out of the church in which he has been thwarted from marrying Jane, crying "there will be no wedding today" as thunder thunders, lightning lightnings and fog fogs — well, if Rochester, Chatham and Sittingbourne had roared in unison, it could not be more terrific.

Though its ups, downs, offs and ons might be more touching, the relationship at the evening's core is not the problem. The handling of the Eyre childhood does, however, somewhat fox the director and adapter. They cannot ignore it, for it contains some of the finest scenes in the novel and, as Jane says here, "I don't want to forget the past; I want to use it, the better to understand the present". It is clearly Weldon's thesis that the cruelties and privations she suffered have given her strength and self-sufficiency, as well as understanding and tolerance of others.

But Weldon starts the play when Jane comes as governess to chateau Rochester, which means that the past is evoked in traumatic flashbacks. The first such image, of a grey-faced doll on a bed screeching "let me out" in a throbbing red light, will surely puzzle those unfamiliar with the book. Others tend to interrupt the flow: an angry, unidentifiable face, an ugly insult from who-knows-who, a sequence in which dummies of half-starving schoolgirls are carried about by the Brontës themselves.

Who? Yes, *that's the main problem*. Charlotte, Emily, Anne and a beaky-looking Branwell are omnipresent except when the actors playing them double as supporting characters. Sometimes they *lugubriously shift* furniture, or saunter under the grey branches and derelict grey windows of Rochester's grey mansion, or simply watch Jane in a sombre, meaningful way. Sometimes they narrate a bit, and at the end they have a conversation about their own failure to live happily *ever after that might count for more if* it were not half-masked by music.

But always they distract more than they add, leaving me with a blunt, maybe *philistine question*. Might not Jane Eyre be served better by a simple, chronological telling of her tale? I think so.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

Odd goings-on in the office



Alexandra Martin and Stephen Tiplady, accompanied by puppet

Things Curious
BAC, Battersea

FIRST there was "found object" sculpture. Now there is "found object" children's theatre. Acting their hearts out in *Things Curious* are an anglepoise lamp who gets her spine snapped and a filing cabinet who swallows an actor whole. Objects start to have a life of their own in the complaints department of Endpaper's bureaucratic empire, where economic cuts force messy Augusta Blot (Alexandra Martin) and painfully organised Jasper Page (Stephen Tiplady) to share an office.

Working Parts Theatre Company take "puppeteering" in the broadest sense. Augusta and Jasper, behaving like kids, declare war, dropping scrunched-up memos from paper planes and retaliating with tracer fire from a telephone-turned-tank. Meanwhile, a nervous security guard scouts around in miniature. A black leather glove with a funny padded face stuck on the wrist, he tiptoes on two fingers into an open-sided box file which he uses as a urinal.

There are a good many first-class moments here, but with second-rate aeons in between, mainly due to Louise Warren's dull script. Tiplady is not a natural comedian and several of the puppet sequences are tacked to the main story too loosely. Some of these fantasies are poor fare. *The show, at* worst, is on a par with a particularly awful episode of *Play School*. Jasper's dream desert island is hardly a heaven of the imagination. His model-scale patch of sand with a palm tree is a sorry sight — enough to inspire despair about what one man can do with a used fruit-juice carton and a couple of sheets of A4. A savagely disappointed punter might, in fact, tell Jasper just what he can do with them.

Still, the plops, tings, roars and rap rhythms of the Bloody Nightmare Company's score enhance the action a hundredfold, and the final scene — east European in influence — is magical. The mysterious Endpaper emerges from his own attaché case. Discovered just as he breathes his last, having bequeathed all to Jasper and Augusta, Endpaper is an ethereal furrowed face — Paul Tortelier in papier mâché — *attached to white shirt-sleeves*. Buttoned round the wrists of the two performers, his sleeves fill with air like an angel's wings and carry him heavenwards. If only the rest had attained such transcendence.

KATE BASSETT

Not quite a knockout

Punchbag
Hampstead

AT FIRST the punchbag looks easy to identify. Done up in padded armour, half Samurai, half boiled lobster, he waddles over to the sprightly young women, mouthing obscenities, tries to rape them, and is punched and emphatically kneed in the goolies. He is the paid aggressor at a women's self-defence class, labelled RedMan across his mighty chest, whose assaults the *women must learn to outwit by* following the instruction carved above their heads: assess, react, terminate.

Andy Serkis was last seen on stage stark naked playing Dogboy in *Hush*. But as Peter in this play he spends most of the evening armour-plated from toenail to Adam's apple. From that point up, when he pulls off his helmet, he is revealed as a punchbag of a different sort: nervous, lacking self-esteem and buffeted by a fate that *never brings him the girl of his* fantasies. He is verbally adroit, though all the characters in Robert Llewellyn's slender play show a quick-witted gift of the gab, and it is left to the cast to attach their own individuality to it.

There is Lloyd (Eamonn Walker) who runs the class and is happily married to Dorian; and there is red-haired Polly (Buffy Davis), equally well-established with Nigel. Jane (Sophie Heyman) is the predatory newcomer, *seductively opening and closing her* limbs, and what happens in this short play — and all that does happen — is a sequence of pleasantly amusing duologues showing how a violent beauty, armed with sexual skills and a good fist, can punch the bags off any man.

Llewellyn conjures up some natty *street repartee, though* "honky" meaning "white" sounds false from a Britisher, and nobody over here talks of a ladybug. The acting is accomplished, and Glen Walford's direction keeps the pace brisk, cleverly juxtaposing the foreground aerobics with the frustrated Peter's head-banging.

But plot dictates character-development, and since the plot is predictable *the characters are likewise. What they* say is lightly funny; and the dialogue has a natural quality, though it brings no surprises. The inconclusive end left me with the feeling that the author was pulling his punchbag.

JEREMY KINGSTON

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Twinkling all the way to the top

Who would have thought that six choral scholars from Cambridge could launch a showbiz phenomenon? Richard Morrison surveys 25 years of the King's Singers


STEPHEN MARKESON

Great originals Alastair Hume and Simon Carrington (front left) bow out this weekend. But their replacements have been chosen, and the King's Singers roll on

Amazing how far a twinkle can take six nice chaps in showbiz. They were the least likely products of the Sixties, this bunch of clean-cut ex-public schoolboys who performed 16th-century madrigals one moment and soupy close-harmony arrangements the next. They didn't smoke pot, didn't agitate outside the American Embassy, didn't preach free love, and dressed more like solicitors than pop-idols.

They talked in whole sentences: they had degrees from Cambridge: they sang in polished, cathedral-choir voices — which was not surprising, since at that time they were all singing in polished cathedral choirs. They were about as square as it was possible to be without turning into a chessboard. You would not have bet two bob on them lasting a fortnight.

> 'Is there any other group that exudes such a sense of jolly japes and wheezes?'

Well, on Saturday in the Barbican the King's Singers celebrate the 25th anniversary of their London debut. The two surviving founder members — alto Alastair Hume and baritone Simon Carrington — will have twinkled their way through 3,000 concerts and into the hearts of a million mums, toured 30 countries, struck thousands of zany poses for photographers, grinned impishly out of hundreds of television programmes, and recorded more than 70 albums since the day when they were told by Sir David Willcocks (their choirmaster at King's College, Cambridge) that there was no financial security for six chaps singing in close harmony.

This was an opinion that the chaps themselves tended to share. In 1965, the *Cambridge Evening News* reported one of their earliest, impromptu performances as follows: "A King's College Eight broke an oar and promptly broke into a Benjamin Britten song by way of celebration."

It set the tone: be talented, but also be casual about it. Very cool, very Cambridge. "We had no burning ambition, no great desire actually to get anywhere," says Hume.

All that changed when they met an agent, Richard Armitage of the Noel Gay Organisation. "I think at first he thought he was auditioning a clapped-out vaudeville act called the Kings Brothers," Hume recalls. "He asked us what we earned as a group, and we said about £7,000 a year. 'If I haven't made it up to £45,000 in 12 months' time,' he told us, 'we will have no contract between us.' We thought this was riches beyond the dreams of avarice."

Within two years, they had a contract as regular guests on the *Nana Mouskouri Show*. It doesn't mean much now, I know, but in the early Seventies on British television, the Big Time came no bigger than the *Nana Mouskouri Show*. The chaps were stars, and they have never stopped twinkling since.

So what is the secret of their success? Dozens of pale imitators — identikit sextets, straight out of Oxbridge chapel pews — would dearly love to know.

The laidback image ("six overgrown students who sing together because they enjoy it," says Hume innocently) has never really fooled anybody. These are professionals to their fingertips, adept in vocal skill, as one voice in interpretation and blend, and utterly slick in stage presentation.

And their programming has always been ingenious: a bit of Renaissance austerity; a brief dose of modern music, strictly of the user-friendly variety (the group has commissoned hundreds of composers), and then quickly into fun mode for what their fans probably wanted all along: the pop songs cloaked in a bizarre but unmistakable hybrid of Yale Glee Club do-be-does and Anglican carol descants.

The King's Singers' other great strength is their sheer staying power. In 25 years there have been just 13 of them. "It's a tiny turnover; the Swingle Singers have probably had 60 or 70 members in that time," says Hume. "And we are very careful when we audition. So much depends on individuals sharing the commonality of purpose, rowing in with the overall philosophy. There's no room for anyone who is disruptive. It's a small group and it spends many hours together."

Finally, of course, there is the twinkle factor. Can there be another musical ensemble, classical or popular, that exudes such an overwhelming sense of jolly japes and wizard wheezes when it performs? If Jerome K. Jerome had written *Six Men in a Madrigal* instead of *Three Men in a Boat* he would have invented the King's Singers. You either love the aura of gentlemanly charm or you react violently against it.

And reactions tend to be most hostile in rough corners of our former colonies — where men are men and counter-tenors are nervous. "I remember one review from an Ohio local paper," says alto David Hurley, "which said something like 'five per cent talent and 95 per cent artificial sweetener'. Note the words 'artificial sweetener'. Not even real sugar."

But these are twilight times for twinkling tonsils. This Saturday's concert will not only mark 25 years but also the end of an era. Hume and Carrington, the last originals, are retiring (their replacements have already been chosen). The age-gap between them and the others just could not be passed off with a light laugh any more. What *does* an ex-King's Singer do for the rest of his life?

"Good Lord," says Hume, "you don't need me to tell you what Brian Kay is doing. Try and find a BBC music programme that he is *not* presenting. As for the others, Alastair Thompson is coaching singing in Germany, Anthony Holt is a voice teacher in Minnesota, Colin Mason is specialising in early-music singing in Vienna, Jeremy Jackson is chorus master of the London Philharmonic, and Nigel Perrin is conducting a lot in the West Country."

"Yes," Hurley chirps in. "He tells us that he has just achieved his ambition of being described in the local newspaper as 'prominent Bath conductor' rather than 'ex-King's Singer'."

So you *can* successfully leave the King's Singers. But you surely never lose the twinkle.

● *The King's Singers' jubilee concerts take place at St Giles, Cripplegate, London EC2, tomorrow at 1pm, and in the Barbican Hall on Saturday at 7.30pm (071-638 8891)*

RADIO REVIEW

Bodies in mind

LIGHTWEIGHT novels sometimes gain from being dramatised, with an actor or actress bodying out a part that has remained two-dimensional on the page. Francesca Annis certainly drew out the fascination of Rachel, the Italian countess, in the *Saturday Night Theatre* version of Daphne du Maurier's novel **My Cousin Rachel** (Radio 4).

Rachel has married the Cornish squire Ambrose in Italy, and when he dies, she comes to see Philip, Ambrose's young cousin and heir, in England. Philip already has many reasons for thinking that she fleeced Ambrose and poisoned him — but when she arrives he falls totally in love with her.

What is the truth about Rachel? The cunning of the story is that everything she says or does is ambiguous. Annis used her silky, sultry voice brilliantly so as to leave one in a continuous state of doubt. Was that extravagant purr of tenderness pure acting, or was it just an overflow of Rachel's naturally warm heart? Were her cries of surprised outrage wholly sincere or consummately calculated? These were far more fascinating questions when one asked them of a living voice rather than of a paragraph of printed dialogue.

Philip is simple and impetuous, but I thought Adam Godley in the part made him too monotonously naive. Four Cornish actors came up to London specially to play the minor roles, the BBC informed us proudly. My, that were a long journey.

More ambitious but not half as successful was a play by Tadeusz Rozewicz the following evening: **Mariage Blanc**, part of Radio 3's *Polska!* season. Daphne du Maurier is now supposed to have thought she was really a man in a woman's body: she would presumably have had some sympathy for the 16-year-old heroine of Rozewicz's play, who on her wedding day slices off her hair, tells her bridegroom that she will not consummate the marriage and declares herself his brother.

This was the climax of a long work about the sexual fantasies and fears of two repressed young girls in a Polish household in about 1900. Realism was mingled with phantasmagoria, that easy way to shock an audience without having to show much regard for plausibility or truth. The play certainly shocked Poland when it was first performed there in 1975. The Communists liked to attack Roman Catholic sexual morality, but in fact most Party members were just as prudish as the churchgoers.

So *Mariage Blanc*, with its bold assertions about female sexuality and its mistreatment in Poland, was doubtless a salutary shock for them. However, even in Poland now I think it would seem rather dated and tedious. It was even more so here, in spite of a swift-flowing production by Kate Rowland, with some haunting moments of atmospheric music by Dominique LeGendre.

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ROCK: Eighties survivors on tour — Aerosmith at Wembley, and OMD in Norwich

Heavies on their mettle

One would guess the odds to be quite long against five men progressing from their early twenties to their mid-forties, all with their hairlines and waistlines apparently unaffected. Perhaps drugs are good for you after all.

Then again, no matter how delinquent **Aerosmith**'s videos still look, it was only when the quintet from New Hampshire stopped ingesting all manner of stimulants, some time in the mid-1980s, that they were able to halt a long period of decline, and effect the astonishing renaissance which now finds them more popular in Britain than at any other time in their 23-year history.

They are also the kind of act that has become an endangered species: old-fashioned heavy rockers whose natural habitat is the European arena or American stadium, and for lack of which this year's Monsters Of Rock Festival at Castle Donington was cancelled.

Unlike others of their kind however, there was nothing staid or lumbering about the way Aerosmith came bursting out of a stripey cocoon of curtaining to begin the show with a full-blooded belt of "Eat The Rich".

It was black leather trousers for the guitarists, Joe Perry and Brad Whitford, while vocalist Steven Tyler came to the party as a sort of glitter-era scarecrow: bare-chested but for a filmy bit of fabric trailing round his shoulders and wearing a preposterous, silver-encrusted top hat.

Clinging to an upright microphone stand draped with more scarves than a Kensington Market stall, he interspersed the raucous yelp which passes for his singing voice with twitchy flurries of floppy dance steps.

Huge air-fans strategically placed at the front of the stage gave the performers a suitably windswept look, and occasionally kept the hair out of their eyes long enough for them to see what they were doing, while a sturdy, though not lavish, lighting rig performed a similar function for the rest of us.


Singer Steven Tyler: a sort of glitter-era scarecrow

An unannounced "sixth" member of the band, Tom Gimbel, proved increasingly handy as the show wore on, adding keyboard colouring, saxophone solos and several crucial vocal harmonies.

There was a change of pace with "Amazing" followed shortly afterwards by "Cryin'", both of them engaging numbers in the power-ballad mould, and evidence that the group has a facility with melody when the occasion demands it.

However, Joey Kramer's set-piece drum solo was a dull anachronism, and Perry should have stuck to playing his guitar instead of hijacking the vocals for a half-hearted plod through an old 12-bar blues called "Stop Messin' Round".

Predictably, it was the rolling riffs and taut delivery of upbeat rockers such as "Shut Up And Dance", "Love In An Elevator" and "Dude (Looks Like A Lady)" which eventually produced the best results.

Amid much roaring and punching of the air (by the audience) the band finished after two hours with "Walk This Way", leaving the stage like an ageing prize fighter: a little punch drunk perhaps, but with a hard-hitting reputation still surprisingly intact.

DAVID SINCLAIR

Popped in, sold out

Once upon a time there were two English lads who played synthesizers and a drum machine. They supported Gary Numan, sang about "Joan of Arc", named an early album *Architecture and Morality* and called themselves Orchestral Manoeuvres in the Dark. Now, 14 years, ten albums and a string of hits later, only one of them (Andy McCluskey) is left; his band has a real drummer but only an acronym for a name; the new record is perfunctorily titled *The Liberator*; and this time it's Numan's turn to get the small print on the tour poster.

But one thing has not changed: McCluskey's unerring ear for a great tune. **OMD**'s 90-minute show at the University of East Anglia, which ranged from the first single ("Electricity") to the latest ("Everyday"), allowed McCluskey to dole out catchy melodies wrapped in glossy choruses like a musical Santa Claus. He has a mastery of every pop device: a touch of the Tornados' "Telstar" here, a dash of Barry White or Gary Glitter or Bryan Ferry there, and the words "heaven" and "dream" everywhere.

His dancing is less well-bred. It involves a tangle of arms and legs, a *Thunderbirds* character operated by a demented puppeteer. It is driven, though, by a determined attempt to win over his audience. Despite this, there is a wariness to the populism, marked by the barbed tone to his occasional asides. In "Big Town", he even sings: "If you want them to love you, you'd better not love them in return".

Otherwise this is a straight pop show, and McCluskey plays the pop star. His three supporting musicians (Phil Coxon and Nigel Ipinson on keyboards, Stuart Kershaw on drums) remain in his shadow. The only signs of the old artistic pretensions are in the opening moments, when a juddering rumble accompanies a choir singing "Agnus dei", intercut with a sample of Bulgarian women's voices. For the rest, it is all pop fun — which has its costs.

The relentless niceness can become like suffocating in cotton wool. The senses are numbed, so that at the end, when OMD play the early hit "Enola Gay", memories of its previous, more fragile musical version and its historical reference to the bombing of Hiroshima, are almost obliterated.

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Black America's first lady of fiction

When Toni Morrison won the Nobel Prize for Literature, there were many who criticised the choice. Here Rachel Cusk, Whitbread Award winner, defends her as one of the most compelling writers of our time

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For a writer, winning the Nobel Prize for Literature is rather like artificially staging one's own death, for it is one of the few events that will encourage people to look respectfully at an author's life and work in its entirety while the author is still around to see it. This year's eulogy was to Toni Morrison, an American novelist fortunately still in the prime of her writing life, and it is hard to think of a more perspicacious and daring choice, or a writer more deserving of the attention such a plaudit is bound to ensure.

To mark the occasion, Chatto & Windus have brought out hardback editions of her complete novels: a package which should urge readers to attempt them all. The value of such an exhaustive approach lies in the understanding it gives of Morrison's range and intentions. Her novels are not self-contained stories designed to illuminate individual lives or times: they are an attempt to bestow a cultural memory on a society unable to recollect the history from which it was conceived.

Morrison is a writer who is not content to explore the small space given over to discussion of what it is now to be black and female: she heads instead for the vast and violent dungeon which lies beneath it, and finds that the polite handcuffs of modern prejudice have evolved from chains so heavy that responsibility for them must be collective. In short, she explains why people who aren't black or female should read books by people who are.

The Bluest Eye, Morrison's first novel, is the story of a group of black schoolgirls growing up in small-town America in the first half of this century. As the girls approach puberty, the flowering of their feminity becomes strangled by the concomitant growth of their awareness of an inherent ugliness within them. "What made people look at them (white girls) and say 'Awwwww', but not for me? The eye slide of black women as they approached them on the street, and the possessive gentleness of their touch as they handled them." Pecola Breedlove, the ugliest and poorest of the girls, believes that if only she had blue eyes like Shirley Temple the ugliness and poverty would vanish: but it is she who vanishes into her fantasy, while the horrifying circumstances of her life surround and engulf her.

In *Sula*, Morrison explores the mythic power of femininity in a poor and isolated rural black community, where women rule as mothers, warriors, witches and storytellers. *Sula Peace is a* girl who corrupts this power: who throws a toddler into a pond and lets him drown, who watches her mother burn alive because it interests her, and who returns to the community to exert her strength over it. Sula tries to break the constraints of the society which produced her and ends up being broken by it herself; in the end it is the community's inability to progress beyond the encroachments of the white world around it which leads to its destruction.


Toni Morrison: in her prime

Song of Solomon, possibly Morrison's greatest novel, directly confronts the relationship between black and white America from the 1930s to the 1960s. Milkman Dead, a young, privileged black man, resents the burden of his history: of slavery he never suffered, of racist attacks he has not experienced, of the misery of the women in his family which he neither chose nor believes he has contributed to. His boyhood friend, Guitar, has dedicated himself to all that Milkman avoids: anger, injustice, and above all, revenge. As Milkman's individuality, however, becomes strengthened by the gradual discovery and acceptance of his past, so Guitar's is attenuated by and eventually sacrificed to the society he believes he is avenging.

This theme is continued in Tar Baby, the most modern in setting of Morrison's novels. *Tar Baby* is unusual first in that it concerns the experiences of a rich white couple, and secondly in that it examines the dynamics of slavery in the context of 1970s America. Valerian Street, a retired millionaire, lives on a Caribbean island with his spaced-out wife Margaret and a loyal black couple who act as their butler and cook. The four of them believe that they are living in a state of relative equality. When Jadine, the servants' sophisticated niece, arrives for a holiday, she is immediately accepted by the Streets as a companion, dining with them while her aunt and uncle eat in the kitchen. The discovery of a wild black man called Son in Margaret's closet, however, places strain on the euphemistic household arrangements, and in the resultant chaos the ugly divisions between black and white, and between black and black, violently surface.

Beloved, which won Morrison the Pulitzer prize in 1988, is the most horrifying of her books and is set in the mid-1800s around the abolition of slavery. Sethe is a woman so brutalised by violence that she herself attempts the most violent of acts: the killing of her children. She succeeds in killing one, and for her it was an act of love, protecting the child from the white men who had already emotionally and physically disfigured Sethe. When the child returns in the form of a girl called Beloved, Sethe's guilt is the conduit through which the girl sucks out everything Sethe possesses.

In *Jazz* the relationship between love and death is again explored through the story of Joe Trace, a man who "fell for an eighteen-year-old girl with one of those deepdown, spooky loves that made him so sad and happy he shot her just to keep the feeling going."

His wife, Violet, disfigures the girl's face at her funeral, and the two of them are left to try and pick over the past to discover how their stories came to this conclusion. The birth of urban black communities is depicted as the coming together of many stories into a narrative riven with the disparate, the desperate and the calamitous.

It is impossible to do justice to the sheer weight of anecdote, image and language which underpins all of these novels; the fluency of perspective, the love of names, origins and stories, and most of all the power. These distinguish Toni Morrison as one of the most compelling writers at work today.

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Mary Whitehouse: her evangelical Christianity put her on terms of colloquial familiarity with the Almighty

Ian McIntyre

QUITE CONTRARY
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Early in the 1970s, as the presenter of Radio 4's *Analysis* programme, I found myself working on a documentary about the Obscene Publications Act. My producer and I thought it sensible to interview Mary Whitehouse. This caused some teeth-sucking inside Broadcasting House, rather as if we had proposed Colonel Gadaffi as the next Reith lecturer, or suggested Gerry Adams for *Desert Island Discs*.

Eventually, after an extended bout of referring upwards, it was agreed. With one important proviso. Such a hazardous foray called for prophylactic precautions of an exceptional kind. Before setting out we must both read Mrs Whitehouse's management file. This bizarre process of inoculation took the best part of the day: the file was plump. It also made richly comic reading, because it disclosed that, for the best part of a decade, one determined middle-aged schoolteacher from the English provinces had been running rings round a bureaucracy every bit as smooth (and twice as expensively educated) as that of the late Ch'in dynasty.

One Director-General, Hugh Greene, had foolishly refused to see her or even correspond. His successor Charles Curran, a practising Roman Catholic, declined to receive a deputation from her National Viewers' and Listeners' Association. (They were eventually brought together by Bishop Butler, then the Principal of St Edmund's College, Ware. Mrs Whitehouse describes the meeting as "clandestine" — "I was warned that it was to be very private and under no circumstances was I to mention it to anyone.")

As autobiography, *Quite Contrary* is no great shakes. Assembled rather than written, it contains endless diary extracts and slabs of quotation from her correspondence and from press cuttings. Mrs Whitehouse has a weakness for phrases like "I couldn't help but wonder" and an addiction to exclamation marks ("The Papal Guards really are something!"). The prose reads like a pastiche of those scripts Alan Bennett used to write for Patricia Routledge. The story she has to tell, on the other hand, is a remarkable one.

It began in 1964. She was unaware, when she booked Birmingham Town Hall for a public meeting, that it held 2,000: "I recall praying all through the day at school that the Lord would give us 250 people so that the press would not be able to say the hall was empty." The Lord did much better than that. It is true that He allowed in a number of long-haired students who tried to seize the microphone, but He also delivered 39 coachloads of support from as far afield as Devon and Scotland, who sang *Jerusalem* and resolved to send a telegram to the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh.

For many years it remained fashionable not to take Mrs Whitehouse seriously. Bernard Levin attributed to her the view that sex was "at best a necessary evil, to be dispensed with entirely as soon as a reliable method of parthenogenesis should be devised".

She was impervious to ridicule and as tough as old boots. That was just as well, because mockery was the least of it. The playwright Edward Bond, in a Leicester University debate, began by describing the obscenities about her he had read on the walls of the men's lavatory; after the successful prosecution of *Gay News* for blasphemous libel, her photograph was paraded alongside that of Hitler in a Trafalgar Square rally to chants of "Whitehouse — kill, kill, kill".

Mrs Whitehouse sounds a frequent note of outrage at the silence of church leaders on some of the issues on which she has successfully campaigned. She also regards the Broadcasting Standards Council, with its tendency to muse over whether the word "f***" was intended literally or metaphorically, as a good deal less than half a loaf.

Her strongly evangelical Christianity puts her on terms of easy and colloquial familiarity with the Almighty: "It was at this point that the Lord came to me. He said with unforgettable love, but with great clarity and challenge, 'Mary, you feel as you do because you carry the burden on your own shoulders instead of giving it to Me.'"

God has now further suggested that she should spend more time with her family. It is time to lay up the impressive list of battle honours in which she can claim a share: the Protection of Children Act of 1978, the Indecent Displays Act of 1981, the Video Recordings Act of 1984.

Not even the First Person of the Trinity would dare to use the word retirement, however, and this presents an opportunity to the First Lord of the Treasury. If he is serious about "Back to Basics", why not send Mrs Whitehouse to the Lords in his next new-style honours list? Apart from anything else, it would provide some competition for Baroness You Know Who.

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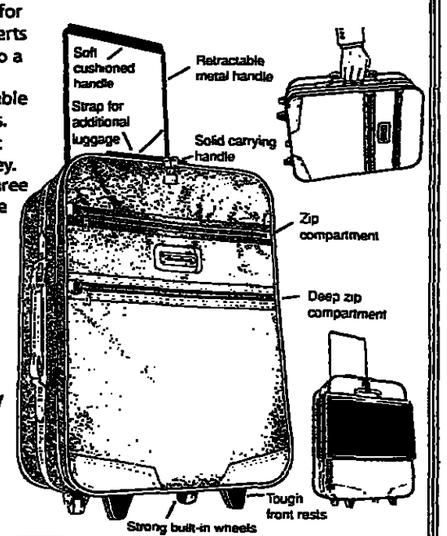
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Journalism does not always show to advantage when reproduced in book form, but quite often it does. This seasonal miscellany of work that first appeared in *The Times* is certainly a case in point. All the books are by authors with familiar *Times* bylines, except the latest collection from the obituaries department (one of the last bastions of anonymity), of which its present head, Anthony Howard, is joint editor. The quality and variety of the pieces is all that one would expect, and the book has been brought out so quickly that most of the year is covered.

1993 was a bumper obituary year for showbiz (Raymond Burr, Stewart Granger, Audrey Hepburn, Rudolf Nureyev) and for sport (Arthur Ashe, James Hunt, Dan Maskell, Bobby Moore). But it witnessed the death of only one major British politician, Nicholas Ridley, the piece on whom is, however, one of the best in the collection, dealing generously with his virtues and frankly with his faults.

It should always be so. As Roy Hattersley says in his foreword: "The obituary that paints only the attractive part of the picture is a fraud. It is neither worth reading nor writing and, paradoxically, diminishes the memory of its subject."

Alan Coren is a professional funny man, a category that includes some of the worst bores in creation. But he, like Frank Muir and a few others, manages to be relentlessly funny without giving the reader a sense of surfeit. No doubt it helps that he has interests beyond merely seeing the funny side of everything that happens from day to day. His underlying culture is distinctly, though not obtrusively, apparent. (In one piece he tells us that he flunked out of a PhD course at Yale, but it was surely something to be doing one at all).

In describing the May Day ceremony at Magdalen College, Oxford, he says that until 1773 the choir sang a whole oratorio from the top of the tower. But that year it rained cats and dogs and the singers arrrived late and breathless. As a result the performance was reduced to "a concise chunk of the college grace" which "they subsequently decided to stick with, for there is nothing like a public cock-up to get an English tradition off the ground; that is why we have the Light Brigade to thank for cardigans and matching woolly hats."

In the 1970s Michael Leapman, as diary editor, succeeded in making many *Times* readers profoundly interested in the progress of his allotment in Brixton. Over the past three years Paul Heiney has been achieving a similar feat by writing about his farm in Suffolk. Having turned to farming in middle life he writes not as an expert but as a learner, and readers have the fun of sharing his vicissitudes, whether or not they intend to follow his example.

He resembles Coren in bringing a touch of culture to his accounts of routine activity. When ministering to a ewe with distended stomach he remembers that Gabriel Oak had to cope with a whole flock in similar condition. Moreover Oak had the courage and skill to use a lance, whereas the author "took the easier route" and poured a cup of cooking oil down the sheep's throat. This, he had been told, never failed, though the shepherd should take the precaution "to stand well back for the accumulated gases can make a rapid exit from both ends at once."

Now that newspaper readers have to depend mainly on parliamentary sketch-writers for their impressions of Parliament, it matters more than ever that the sketch-writers should be knowledgeable and understanding as well as entertaining. Matthew Parris is pre-eminent, because as well as writing with extraordinary wit and the liveliest of fancies, he has direct experience of the place, having been a Tory MP from 1979 to 1986.

His talent for swift, vivid portraiture is second to none, as for instance in this description of Margaret Beckett at the 1992 Labour Party conference: "Mrs Beckett ... was dressed all in yellow, with big yellow stars in her ears. She was wholly self-possessed and held her head perfectly still. Her eyes blazed, her lips were full, glossy and red, and her teeth dangerous."

He has no illusions about his old party, observing with lethal contempt the shift of servility, in the attitude of its MPs, from Margaret Thatcher to her successor: "Yesterday (June 30, 1992) we saw the rats on the Tory backbenches turning on their Queen ... Rodent after rodent rose from the Tory benches. Whiskers twitching, scaly tails slithering from the green bench behind and shifty little eyes glancing furtively around, the rats took nips at the woman who used to be their leader ... Scavengers who, two years ago, squeaked her praises, now squeaked support for their new King."

Bernard Levin has been delighting, stimulating and, quite often, infuriating *Times* readers for more than 20 years as a columnist. The seventh volume of his selected journalism has already been reviewed in hardback. Its appearance, now, in paperback — **If You Want My Opinion** (*Sceptre, £6.99*) — will bring its choice contents to a wider readership.

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On next Monday's Books Page: A.N. Wilson's *Faber Book of London* reviewed by Peter Ackroyd.

Norman Stone wonders how the military hijacked Germany in the First World War and examines Britain's desperate response

Moving them into the sun



Move him into the sun —/ Gently its touch awoke him once./ At home, whispering of fields half-sown. From "Futility" by Wilfred Owen. In this picture a German soldier is tended during the Battle of the Somme near Carnoy, 30 July 1916. It is taken from *The Somme: The Day-by-Day Account* by Chris McCarthy (Cassell, £20)

In America, someone said, they cure schizophrenics by teaching them German. The Germany represented by Frederick the Great, with Wagner as musical accompaniment, did indeed have schizophrenia as its stock-in-trade (collecting, as admirers, quite a number of near-lunatics in this country, starting with Carlyle) and *the* great question of modern history is why, and where, Germany went wrong.

For it was not just Hitler. The characters who ran the country in the First World War were also lunatics of great cunning, taking on not only most of Europe, but in the end most of the rest of the world.

Robert Asprey has written a very good, old-fashioned account of the lunatics in the High Command, Ludendorff in particular, who ran affairs from 1916 to the end. He has gone through many complicated books, knows at first hand all about war, and can tell a battle-story succinctly and accurately.

1915
THE DEATH OF INNOCENCE
By Lyn Macdonald
Headline, £19.99

THE GERMAN HIGH COMMAND AT WAR
Hindenburg, Ludendorff and the First World War
By Robert B. Asprey
Little, Brown, £25

A PILGRIM'S SONG
Selected Poems
By Geoffrey Dearmer
John Murray, £12.99

This reviewer, who is also a bit of a near-lunatic Germanophile, had a good time re-visiting some of his schoolboy haunts in Glasgow libraries of forty years ago: ingenious fortifications on the western front; the *Hunding-Brünnhilde-Stellung*; the Drocourt-Queant Switch; the battle of Flitsch-Tolmein-Karfreit; or Caporetto where, with fantastic daring in impossible terrain, the Italian second army was captured in 1917; the *Frühjahrsoffensive* of 1918, which knocked out a British army before Amiens; or Operation "Georgette", on May 27, 1918, when, in the Chemin des Dames, a feint destroyed an entire French army, and brought the Germans back to the Marne. Why was such a formidable machine in the hands of men who thought like that mad dictator Lopez of Paraguay who, in the Chaco War, took on all of his South American neighbours?

Ludendorff himself had no lucid moments, but there were many people around him who did. The general staff under the dead Count Schlieffen had planned for an all-out victory over France within the first months of the war. That failed; there was stalemate in the West, but a surprise victory, by Ludendorff, over the Russians in East Prussia.

What was to happen? Falkenhayn, a clever and sarcastic man who took over the command in 1914, confessed privately that there was no hope of defeating all three great powers, with their adjuncts of Italy, Serbia etc. The Chancellor, Bethmann Hollweg, even said that winning the war would be the worst possible thing that could happen to Germany. He was a man of formidable intelligence and education, very attached to England, but nevertheless associated with all of the lunacies — the Schlieffen plan, then the challenge, through submarines, to America, and even the appointment of Ludendorff to replace Falkenhayn in 1916. No wonder that, by 1915, he was chain-smoking 60 or 70 cigarettes a day, and, according to the American ambassador, hitting the bottle.

And at the top was Kaiser Wilhelm himself, theoretically lunatic-in-chief, but also guessing (in lucid moments) what the real outcome was going to be. They were all caught in a fantasy that spiralled on into disaster in November 1918. Why did Crown Prince Wilhelm, and, say, Admiral von Tirpitz (who liked the British) not set up an exile-regime in Holland in 1916? That might have saved something from the wreckage. But Germans, among other schizophrenic virtue-vices, are not good at treachery. Oddly enough, such an exile-regime did, in the end, take power in Germany after 1945. With all of the difficulties over unification and much else, it has been a great success. On recent visits, I have been quite entertained to find, in leading positions in German businesses, descendants of the great names of 1914-1918: a Graf Schlieffen, a Graf von der Goltz, a Baron von Falkenhausen. They are technically as good as their grandfathers, but this time in the service of a country that has rather more of its share of the old British virtues than we have.

The British were at the receiving end of this mad machine, and were not at all prepared for it. Perhaps, as Bethmann Hollweg hoped, they should have made a pact with him, and dropped their Russian alliance. But nearly all of them took the view that a Germany in charge of Russia's resources would be a sort of industrialised Mongol horde: so they fought.

This meant raising a mass army, with desperately inadequate training and few officers to make things better. The result was that a civilian, and deeply anti-militarist, population was subjected to infantry experience in circumstances of utter hideousness. Some of them are still going strong and their memories are an all-important source for historians.

Lyn Macdonald, who once worked for the BBC, has, over the years, assembled these memories in various volumes on various years of the War. Having done some "oral history" myself (with Russian émigrés) I know what a laborious job it is: transcribing, editing, making sense of multifarious references (in the case of battlefields of several square miles). She herself says that 1915 was the most difficult year, because it was so very much all-over-the-place, both in France and in the Gallipoli affair. Her hundred or so informants have been very good at describing their experiences: under bombardment: what it was like to go "over the top"; how, wounded, you got back; how things went in the hospitals. They express themselves very well, since, before 1914, this country had an education system that actually taught people to speak and to read. All in all, these volumes are a remarkable piece of work. Why have they not been given a prize?

There is one remarkable survivor, Geoffrey Dearmer, whose 100th birthday has just gone by. His has been a very English career: voluntary service in the Dardanelles and France; the BBC (mainly Children's Hour); the Lord Chancellor's censorship office.

In those literate days, young officers wrote poetry — an activity which, in the Second World War, was much less prevalent, probably because it counted as "sissy", elitist, and insufficiently politically correct. Laurence Cotterell, Jon Stallworthy, and the publishers, John Murray, have given Mr Dearmer a magnificent birthday-present, of his own poems that go from Edwardian romanticism to 20th-century realism within the space of a few months.

Below my room, the noise and measured beat
Of marching men re-echo loud and clear;
Now bobbing cavalry swing down the street,
Now mules and rumbling batteries draw near.
But all grows dim — the rolling wagon-streams
To Amiens between the aspen trees,
The stables, billets, men and horses seem
But murmurs of forgotten fantasies.

Guardians of the guardians

John Gray

RELIGION, POLITICS AND THE MORAL LIFE
By Michael Oakeshott
Edited by Timothy Fuller
Yale University Press, £18.95

MORALITY AND POLITICS IN MODERN EUROPE
The Harvard Lectures
By Michael Oakeshott
Edited by Shirley Letwin
Yale University Press, £18.95

NATIONALISM
By Elie Kedourie
Blackwell, £9.99 pbk

The death three years ago of Michael Oakeshott took from us the most distinguished conservative thinker of the age. A subtle, gay and yet somehow elegiac writer, Oakeshott more than anyone else voiced the abiding concerns of conservative thought in the idiom of our late modern period. An exquisite stylist and an acute observer, he dissected the failings of modern society without indulging the conservative vice of nostalgia. He was by temperament and conviction a modernist who accepted and celebrated the freedom and even the rootlessness of the modern condition.

His heroes were Hobbes and Hegel, rather than Aquinas or Burke, and he was deeply suspicious of recent attempts — by such disparate conservative thinkers as Walter Lippman and Leo Strauss — to revive medieval ideas of natural law and embody them in a new philosophy of public life. For Oakeshott, the modern condition, with all its scepticism, was a historical fate, and the course of wisdom lay not in resisting it but in tempering it by whittling down the claims of reason. The task of philosophy was not to give a foundation to any particular form of practical life, but simply to return us to the world of practice with fewer illusions.

Oakeshott is an elusive and at times an almost hermetic thinker who wrote a great deal but was sparing in what he published. These two new volumes of Oakeshott's essays give us a better view of his thinking on a range of issues, even if they do not in the end resolve the many enigmas and lacunae in his thought. The collection of essays edited by Timothy Fuller is invaluable in bringing together early and scattered writings of Oakeshott on religion, but it does little to clarify his own attitude to religious belief. About this Oakeshott was always noncommittal, treating religious practice, like much else in human life, in aesthetic terms, as a variety of poetry. In this attitude to religion, as in many other aspects of his thought, he had in him much of the aesthetic view of life that was anatomised, and satirised, by Kierkegaard. The trouble with the aesthetic view of religion is that it is possible only so long as there are genuine believers who do not themselves see religion in that way.

The volume on *Morality and Politics in Modern Europe*, edited by Shirley Letwin, whose recent untimely death robbed us of a spirited and accomplished writer as well as a profound interpreter of Oakeshott, is illuminating in the essays it contains on the character of government in modern Europe and on such theorists of individualism as Locke, Kant, Adam Smith, Burke, Bentham and J.S. Mill.

It is, however, arcadian and unrealistic in its view of the modern state as being only or primarily an umpire that enforces the framework within which human activities are conducted. The fact is that any modern state is bound to be in large part what Oakeshott calls an enterprise association, an institution whose legitimacy depends on its securing certain concrete results for its citizens. To think otherwise is to go against the spirit of Oakeshott's own thought, which tries to stay close to historical realities, by ignoring the fact of democracy. This is what some of Oakeshott's followers did, when they embraced the New Right project of restoring the minimum state — an exercise in anachronism and illusion if ever there was one.

The late Elie Kedourie was an intellectual historian with a deep knowledge of the politics and culture of the Middle East. His seminal book on nationalism, now reissued in an invaluable expanded fourth edition, argued that nationalism was a political ideology, and ethnic or cultural identity a construct of that ideology. This is a reading of the modern state that shares with Oakeshott's an extraordinary distance from any historical reality. The historical fact is that modern peoples demand that their cultural identities be mirrored in the states by which they are governed as a condition of their legitimacy, if only because every other source of legitimacy in government has now been destroyed.

To treat nationalism as a form of doctrinal excess, the product of a few frenzied, Romantic scribblers, rather than the expression in modern circumstances of a primordial human need for identification and belonging, is itself an example of the rationalist view of political life. Sadly, Orwell's comment on the left-wing intellectuals of his day, that they failed to understand the most powerful political passions of the age, is also true of Oakeshott and Kedourie.

CRIME

Fabian and private eye have fun

SUFFRAGETTE sleuthess Nell Bray is a smashing creation, feminist before her time and not scared to swap banter with George Bernard Shaw. In **Stage Fright** by Gillian Linscott *(Little, Brown £14.99)*, Bray is asked to intervene in some backstage shenanigans threatening the success of Shaw's new comedy; but there is murder as well. The period is flamboyantly described, and Nell enters into parts of Edwardian life rarely breached by respectable women.

At his best Andrew Taylor can be very good, but he has had lapses. **Odd Man Out** *(Gollancz £14.99)* is good Taylor. Private eye William Dougal kills an acquaintance by mistake. Eschewing the police, he attempts to hide the body, but is discovered by his boss, who has his own reasons for covering up the crime. A neat, amoral tale which dashes along pleasingly and with much blackish humour.

MARCEL BERLINS

An ex-convict runs out of convictions

Sousa Jamba

RETURN TO PARADISE
By Breyten Breytenbach
Faber, £17.50

No Afrikaner family exemplifies the absurdity of apartheid better than that of Breyten Breytenbach, the leading poet in Afrikaans, and former political prisoner. Appalled by the regime, Breytenbach left South Africa in the 1950s for Paris, where he started writing poetry and painting. Meanwhile, his elder brother, Jan, was in charge of South African operations in Angola, founding the famous 32nd battalion. Breytenbach's poetry earned him several literary prizes back home. He could not, however, return for good. Having married a Vietnamese, he had contravened the race-relations act. But a three-month visa led to the writing of *A Season in Paradise*.

On his return to Paris, he became more involved in exile politics. In a move which he now admits as ill-conceived, Breytenbach returned to South Africa under a false name. He was on a mission for Okhela, the ANC splinter group, when the authorities pounced on him as he tried to leave the country. He was sentenced to nine years of which he served seven. *The True Confessions of an Albino Terrorist*, the most memorable prison memoirs to have come out of South Africa, is an account of those seven years.

Return to Paradise is Breytenbach's account of a three-month stay in 1991 in a South Africa that had changed: Nelson Mandela was free, the ANC no longer a banned movement, and the whole world reconciled to the imminent end of white rule. It is also an account of the exile politics — including the first encounters in the 1980s between prominent Afrikaners and ANC cadres in Senegal. Breytenbach does not, however, wax optimistic. He blames the ANC for having made the townships ungovernable. The white authorities are blamed not only for being indifferent to the violence but also for abetting it by supporting the radical fringes of the South African political scene. The ANC is also criticised for not only having refused to support his dependants when he was in prison, but also for having prevailed on Amnesty International not to adopt him as a prisoner of conscience.



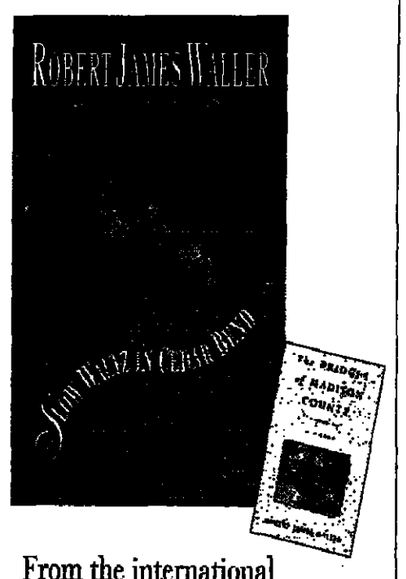
Breytenbach: exposes corruption on both sides in South Africa

As he recounts the politics in the anti-apartheid movement, he does not spare African politicians. In Mali, for instance, henchmen of the ruling regime prevent him from meeting local dissidents. In Ghana, he attends a writers' conference presided over by a functionary he sees as corrupt. Breytenbach has little patience for politicians and their antics. Recounting the concert at Wembley stadium celebrating Mandela's release, he says: "Jesse Jackson was also present with shiny hair and shiny moustache and camel-hair coat and a nose for television like a fly for shit: each time the camera looked his way he was on his feet with clenched fist held high and a pious tear in the combative eye; when the camera swung away he was back to supercilious boredom."

Later, he dismisses Wole Soyinka, the Nigerian nobel laureate and, like him, a former political prisoner, as a man in awe of politicians. Only a white African with Breytenbach's credentials could have written such a book.

For all its fine points, *Return to Paradise* with its meandering narratives tries to do too many things at once. Nevertheless, one cannot but admire Breytenbach for his immense talent and candour. "I have run out of convictions" he declares. Coming from such a fine poet, this comment is very welcome; Breytenbach can now keep on groping for meaning in the flux of a changing world — that is what artists and intellectuals are for.

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New rules may leave British skiers in the cold

FROM DAVID POWELL IN VAL D'ISÈRE

BRITAIN'S role as a men's World Cup ski nation may be small, but, by next season, it could be non-existent. If proposals to be considered here this week are adopted, the British skiers may not meet the new tougher standards of qualification.

The International Ski Federation (FIS) World Cup Alpine committee is looking into the possibility of reducing to 50 the number of competitors eligible to compete in races. At present, Britain's leading skier in the men's World Cup is Martin Bell, who is ranked No 53.

For the opening men's downhill of the season here on Saturday, 112 skiers are lined up and the drain on organisers' budgets is one reason why the new plan is being looked at. All World Cup competitors have their accommodation expenses met by the race hosts.

Skiing has been hit heavily by the recession and the FIS has been under pressure to respond to calls for reform. The International Racing Team (IRT), the equipment manufacturers' association, has been threatening a breakaway circuit next season unless a shorter racing season, with reduced fields, is introduced to make it more appealing to television.

Marc Girardelli, who won a record fifth overall World Cup title last season, and Alberto Tomba, the sport's main attraction, support the concept of a streamlined circuit, but with improved prizemoney for surviving races. Last season dragged on until the end of March.

A proposal from the Norwegian federation is that the schedule should be reduced to 28 events, finishing before the main competition of the year, either the Winter Olympic Games or the world championships. A decision is not expected until the FIS congress next year, so the British team must ski with the reform in mind.

"It might keep out nations which are struggling and working hard to be in there — like Britain," Hans Anewanter, the coach to the British team, said. "Once you are out of the World Cup, it would be very hard to get back in."

The British skiers, who are without a team sponsor now that Drambuie has withdrawn, depend on individual sponsorship to finance their participation in the World Cup and, as Anewanter added "If you tell the sponsor you are skiing in the Europa Cup, you probably will not get as much money".

As a consquence, the prospects for a British skier returning to the World Cup would diminish. The leading Alpine nations have coaches, ski service staff and video cameramen, but the Bell brothers, Martin and Graham, and Roger Walker, Britain's three downhillers here, have only Anewanter. The coach tries to spot technical flaws without video back-up and the competitors must work on their own skis without the assistance expert servicemen.

The task before the British skiers, should the changes be confirmed, would be formidable. According to Anewanter, a skier needs a minimum of three top-30 finishes during a World Cup season to rank in the leading 50 at the end of it. Martin Bell achieved that only once last season while Graham Bell was always outside.

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Hardcastle shapes up for national service



Hardcastle knuckles down to training with Army pentathletes in preparation for the national short-course championships. *Photograph:* Hugh Routledge



Craig Lord reports on the mood of optimism before the domestic short-course championships

If anybody had said a week ago that this morning three British swimmers would be lining up at the national short-course championships in Gloucester as world champions, their optimism might reasonably have been questioned.

But last week British expectations were surpassed at the world short-course championships in Palma. Karen Pickering, of Ipswich, became the first British woman to win a world title, with victory in the 200 metres freestyle in a Commonwealth record time of 1min 56.25sec. The world record of 1min 55.84sec is her aim at Gloucester.

Nick Gillingham, of Birmingham, three times European champion but winner of more silver and bronze medals in world and Olympic competition than he would care to count, swept aside fears of further disappointment at the highest level in the 200 metres breaststroke, with a European record of 2min 07.91sec.

Mark Foster, of the Barnet Copthall club in London, collected a third gold medal for Britain, adding the world title to his world record at 50 metres freestyle.

The intention of all three in Gloucester is to carry their good form on from one competition to the next in a short space of time, thereby testing the waters for what lies ahead next summer. The Commonwealth Games and world long-course championships will be held within two weeks of each other in August and September.

With a view to those competitions, Sarah Hardcastle stayed away from Palma. She has no regrets. "I wasn't very impressed with my events at Palma, even Janet Evans [the winner of the 400 and 800 metres freestyle] was slower than I thought she might be," Hardcastle said.

The comment is typical of Hardcastle, 24, who a fortnight ago produced times at 400 and 800 metres in Leicester that were within a second of the silver-medal winning times at Palma.

She is highly knowledgeable about her sport, her judgment of pace is metronomic, her technique almost faultless and her capacity to endure pain seemingly endless.

It is sobering news for the athletes among the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers corps at Arborfield Garrison in Berkshire. Hardcastle provides a daily test for the army pentathletes and Bracknell club swimmers at the garrison pool. She moved to Berkshire to join her fiancé, Lee Thomas, in the autumn, leaving her home town of Southend and Mike Higgs, the coach who set the punishing training schedules that helped her win Commonwealth titles, Olympic silver and bronze medals and brought her the European record at 800 metres in 1986, then only 0.15sec outside the world record.

The Army environment has introduced new weapons into her armoury. There is a rigorous landwork programme and competition from the likes of Stephen Smith, the Welsh national champion at 1,500 metres, and Shawn Morgan, one of the country's leading pentathletes.

There have been encouraging early signs that the landwork experiment is improving her speed, but the proof will only come in international competition, for at Gloucester the clock is likely to be Hardcastle's closest companion.

SPORTS LETTERS

A visiting supporter's view

From Mr Wyatt Bell

Sir, As a Newcastle United supporter who lives in London, it is virtually impossible for me to see my team play at St James' Park because I do not have a season ticket.

I therefore make every effort to see them at away matches and this has enabled me to compare the qualities of other clubs' grounds and facilities. I have recently watched excellent matches at Arsenal and Tottenham and noticed some similarities and some startling differences between the grounds of two of England's larger clubs.

On the positive side, the new Clock End at Arsenal was extremely clean, well lit, had more than adequate toilet facilities for both sexes, and looked as though they would actually be able to serve good quality fast food when they get more experience of handling large numbers of fans.

Equally cheering was the fact that, at both venues, the visiting and home supporters were trusted to leave the ground at the same time, which I hope means that we have almost eradicated the plague of hooliganism.

However, there are some issues on the debit side. At Tottenham the away supporters were housed in a poorly lit and dirty stand. The male toilets were inadequate (it was not possible for two people to pass each other in the doorway). God knows what the females thought of what they saw, or where they were supposed to go. Also, I cannot help thinking that, although new eating experiences are all very well in their place, most travelling fans are less likely to go for fortune cookies and smoked salmon bagels than the old staples, burgers and hot dogs, both of which were harder to get than an English victory in Europe.

At Arsenal I was not disappointed that the seat I bought, fairly described as "obstructed view", was, in fact, obstructed by a support pillar about three feet wide, because with a bit of effort I was able to see practically all of the field.

What bothered me was that I was about six rows from the pillar, and remarkably there were actually seats right behind the thing: £15 for a good view of the game, £10 for a view of civil engineering at its best. One does not expect great facilities at, say, Wimbledon and Southampton, but at least you can see the game and can visit the gents without needing waders.

Before too many north London folks get upset, I have to admit that for many years, St James' itself was a disgrace, although great efforts are being made to produce a ground fit for humans. But I am concerned that now all gate receipts are kept by the home club, it seems that if visiting supporters are daft enough to turn up in large numbers, that is all right — they are only there for one game, so let's take the money and be done with it.

Yours faithfully,
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Battersea, SW11.

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Women set fine example

From Mr Michael Christides

Sir, Your article on the improved position of the Women Professional Golfers European Tour (December 7) was timely.

Having watched them play a few times on television I found their game at least as interesting and skilful as any in the overpaid men's tour and they certainly deserve to be given more exposure in television coverage and, better financial rewards. How else would more young women be encouraged in taking up this wonderful sport if the small screen is monopolised by coverage of the men's tour?

Trish Johnson was mentioned as an example of a tireless supporter of the women's tour. I would add that she, together with a posse of well known regulars on the WPGE Tour, did not find it beneath their station to accept an invitation to our obscure little golf club, on a public course in Ealing (having just completed an arduous English Open at the Tytherington Club the day before), to add class and glamour to our pro-am.

I don't think it was the money which attracted them, nor any household name sponsors, or television cameras! By appearing in such a lowly competition, rubbing shoulders with us weekend golfers, the women set a fine example to the big guns of the men's tour.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL CHRISTIDES,
49 Beaufort Road,
Ealing, W5.

Tactics must remain flexible

From Mr David Thomas

Sir, Gerald Davies (Rugby Commentary, December 3) was right to express caution after England's splendid win against New Zealand. The victory was achieved by a dedicated and disciplined style of play, but the strategy was a modified form of the old ten-man rugby with moving mauls and some biff-bang, rugby-league-type forward play. Good stirring stuff for the occasion perhaps, but surely it cannot be seen as the model to be adopted for 1994 and 1995.

The danger is that this type of play will be continued and copied widely, but a style which mainly relies for success on mistakes made by opponents rather than creative running and passing will not only fail over time, but will also discourage spectators and talented young players alike. The equivalent in football is the long-ball game which also discourages creative attack.

The English rugby team management must be encouraged to be more courageous and develop, and actually practise, more adaptable and flexible playing strategies. The recent style of playing is unlikely to lead to success in the World Cup in South Africa, where the grounds will be hard and fast and a variety of playing styles will be met.

A more creative and integrated style of playing as exhibited by, for example, Australia, will be needed to achieve success. England have the players with the skills to produce that kind of play — especially if Barnes and Back are included. What they need now is guidance and encouragement, plus plenty of good practice during the five nations' tournament.

Yours faithfully,
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A league too far

From Mr Noël K. Armstead

Sir, The proposal by the eight leading rugby union clubs in England and Wales to form a super league fills me with foreboding about the future of the game in England. The clubs involved are interested in filling their own purses and are not concerned about the effect on the national team's prospects.

The introduction of the Heineken League in Wales has done nothing for Welsh rugby. The Courage leagues have given some focus for selection of the national team in England, sadly lacking before, but this benefit will be minimised by a super league, for the clubs will pursue their own interests on and off the field. England will go up the same blind alley as Wales.

The success of the All Blacks illustrates once again the merits of the set-up in New Zealand. Provincial competitions dominate and form an effective sieve for emerging talent. They also provide that important familiarisation of representative rugby approaching international standards and pressures.

The Rugby Football Union must tell the "big" clubs to get lost. The way forward is to scrap the national leagues and replace them with provincial leagues. The counties could be grouped into 12 provincial unions (eg. Southwest Counties, Devon and Cornwall, etc.) of two divisions with provincial leagues for the clubs.

The provincial unions should be the beneficiaries of the large sums of money being earned by the RFU so that they could be developed into centres of excellence both in terms of playing strength and facilities.

If the future is left with the clubs, I fear that English rugby will suffer the same fate as English football.

Yours faithfully,
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Oxfordshire.

Laws should be inviolate

From Dr J. B. Evans

Sir, David Hands (Rugby Commentary, December 2) quotes the referee, Freek Burger, as saying that "he believed the law was there for guidance only, not strident application". Was he using his discretion when he allowed Clarke to win the lineout ball that resulted in Andrew's dropped goal with his outside arm? No, this was a mistake.

Refereeing mistakes are inevitable with players trying to beat the law. However, today's youngsters — tomorrow's internationals — should not be told that a top referee, in a statement made on his retirement, believes the law is only for guidance. Young players have to believe the law to be inviolate.

Yours faithfully,
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From Mr John H. Lee

Sir, It is unsatisfactory that the All Blacks should leave this island to the accompaniment of strong disapproval of their methods by players from the only team that beat them.

Whilst supporting their views, I cannot help feeling that the game itself is largely to blame by allowing situations in which serious damage can be inflicted, and crimes go unpunished, on the field. In no other team game are so many penalty points scored, some laws being almost impossible to observe under all circumstances. If the primary aim is to win at all costs, gentlemen can become hooligans momentarily if they get the chance.

Yours etc.,
JOHN H. LEE,
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Order of the boot

From Mr James Platt

Sir, Wasn't a Cambridge don sacked for recruiting sportsmen for his college?

In the University rugby match on Tuesday two thirds of the Cambridge team (five each) came from Hughes Hall and St Edmund's, who also supplied two replacements. Nine of Oxford's side, and three replacements, hailed from Keble.

Will someone get the boot?

Yours sincerely,
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Higher peaks

From Mrs Verica Peacock

Sir, Contrary to Alix Ramsay's article (November 25) there has been a big improvement in the standard of skiing and effort put in by the British Paralympic alpine squad and their support staff, as well as the team spirit engendered, since the last Paralympic Winter Games.

It is true to say that the American team, for example, have almost unlimited training on snow, whilst we cannot afford to provide our athletes with similar facilities. It is untrue to say that "there has been little sign of improvement". This ignores the bronze medal obtained by Jim Barker in the Australian championships and the total of 16 medals (six gold, five silver and five bronze) in the French championships.

I will let Mr Bob Burt speak for himself and his son, Richard, about the training and coaching situation, but suffice it to say that Richard was unable to take part in any training, unfortunately, since the pre-Paralympics in Norway in March; he also missed the snow training week at Tignes in October due to a knee injury and operation. The week was fully funded by the British Paralympic Association and very much enjoyed and appreciated by the rest of the squad, most of whom profited from the experience.

Yours faithfully,
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Senna to put case on Irvine incident

BY OLIVER HOLT

AYRTON Senna will arrive in Paris today a reluctant gatecrasher at the end-of-year celebrations and deliberations held by the International Automobile Federation (FIA). He is to plead his case in the enquiry into his altercation with Eddie Irvine after October's Japanese grand prix.

Senna accused Irvine of "dangerous and unprofessional driving" after the Ulsterman, who was making his Formula One debut for the Jordan team, repeatedly blocked the Brazilian's attempt to lap him. Senna confronted him more than an hour after the race in a motor home and, after a heated discussion, is alleged to have knocked him to the floor.

His fury led to recollection of his own youthful uncompromising driving style and Irvine was unrepentant. "He was completely out of control and needs to be reined in," Irvine said. "He thinks he is God's gift to racing drivers."

The race, which Senna won, was his penultimate drive for McLaren and it would be harsh if Williams, his new employers, are punished for his behaviour through an early-season ban on the three-times world champion, who is a strong favourite to win the title again next year.

Nevertheless, before the FIA lauds Alain Prost, Juha Kankkunen and champions from motor sporting events, its World Council will consider imposing a suspension or a fine on both the Brazilian and Irvine if it decides they were guilty of "any act prejudicial to the interests of any competition or to the interests of motor sport generally."

It is thought, however, that Senna, like Prost last year, will escape a ban. The injustice to Williams is one consideration, but so, too, is the fact that any early-season suspension would probably rule him out of his home grand prix in São Paulo — a commercial folly of immense proportions.

As well as attempting to clarify the technical regulations for next year, the world council will also try to finalise the 1994 calendar and settle the doubts over the first race of the season in Argentina. The Buenos Aires race may be staged later in the season, which would give Donington, in Leicestershire, fresh hope of staging a European grand prix for the second year in succession.



Senna: furious

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 44

CONTRUDE
(c) To thrust or crowd together, from the Latin *con-* together + *trūdere* to thrust, push or shove: "Why I have shut up and contruded within a narrow roome, many large Histories."

CUFIC
(a) Of or pertaining to Cufa, applied to a variety of Arabic writing, attributed to the scholars of Cufa, from *Cufa* or *Kufa*, an ancient city near Babylon, the residence of the caliphs before the building of Baghdad, and a great seat of Muslim learning: "Over the outer arcade of the Dome of the Rock runs the great Cufic inscription, giving the date of the erection of the building in 688 AD."

SURREPENT
(c) Creeping beneath or stealthily, hence *surrepency* the quality of creeping stealthily or stealing upon one, from the Latin *surreptio*, from the past participle stem of *surripere* to seize or take away secretly, J. King, *Sermon*, 5 November 1608: "This serpent surrepent generation, with their mental reservations, their amphibolous, amphibious propositions."

SWIKEDOM
(a) Deceit, fraud, treachery, treason, from the Old English *swic* escape, outcome, issue, deceit, treachery, stumbling-block: "Vor after that seint kenelm thoru swikedom ded lay Fourti yer after."

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Home-bred coaches deserve chance to shine

Christopher Irvine looks at the dramatic effect Australians have had on domestic rugby league

STORMING around northern England with his Queensland side in 1983, Arthur Beeston observed that what rugby league required in this country was not so much Australia's players as its coaches. The year before, the Kangaroos had laid waste to Great Britain with an intoxicating brand of rugby on an entirely new plane.

Any notion about Australians being physically stronger, but their English counterparts still possessing greater skills, was consigned to the dustbin. Six years after the ban on international transfers in 1977, the floodgates reopened with the arrival of Steve Martin (who is now the coach of Featherstone Rovers) and Terry Webb, at Leeds.

A wave of top players washed over rugby league here in the mid-Eighties. Mal Meninga, Wally Lewis, John Ferguson, Peter Sterling, Brett Kenny and dozens more turned the English game into an Australian showcase. They helped to point the way, but it was the imposition of an overseas quota on clubs in 1986 and the recruitment by Wigan, in the same season, of Graham Lowe as coach that began to tackle the insouciant attitude in England to the organisation and preparation of players first identified by Beeston.

Lowe, a New Zealander, was the pathfinder. Physically and mentally, he raised Wigan to remarkable new heights. In his first season, everything except the Challenge Cup was won. Halifax, Castleford, Hull and Barrow quickly followed suit and an antipodean colony spread both in size and its influence.

At the beginning of this season, for the first time, more than half the 16 first division clubs had overseas coaches, but can the game here afford to go on ignoring the home-grown coaching talent that is now being developed?

The natural reaction of many clubs has been to look to the other side of the world, instead on its own doorstep. The sudden departure of Bill Gardner on Tuesday, five months after being recruited from the Brisbane Broncos, might cause Sheffield Eagles to think again. For the time being, Gary Hetherington is back in charge of the club he nurtured to life in 1984.

One Englishman given his coaching chance has already won over many of the doubters this season. Darryl Van de Velde, the Australian, was a hard act to follow at Castleford, yet it is a measure of John Joyner's craft and guile that he is already being flagged as a future successor to Malcolm Reilly as national team coach.

Joyner, Reilly, at Halifax, and Phil Larder, of Widnes, are all fully-paid subscribers to the Australian theory of intensive preparation, statistical analysis and exacting physical work-rate. While the lessons have been absorbed and the coaching manual rewritten, however, overseas coaches are as prolific now as foreign players were before the introduction of the three-man ceiling.

As well as Martin at Featherstone, six other first division sides are coached by Australians — Wigan (John Dorahy), Warrington (Brian Johnson), Leigh (Steve Simms), Hull (Royce Simmons), Salford (Garry Jack) and Oldham (Peter Tunks). Mike McClennan, a New Zealander, is in charge of St Helens.

With the gap on Australia at international level now a narrow one, it would be blinkered to shun altogether the profound influence Australians have brought to the game, yet if players here have come on leaps and bounds in the last decade, should the younger coaches not now be given their opportunity?

For the likes of Nigel Stephenson, Bradford Northern's highly-promising assistant coach, his time should come sooner rather than later. Australian coaches remain the preferred option, for those clubs which can afford it, but British may be a better long-term buy.

☐ The distinguished career of Kevin Ward, 36, the St Helens prop forward who made 17 appearances for Great Britain, appears to be over. Ward is to undergo a seventh operation on the left leg he shattered in two places at Wigan last April to remove a 16-inch steel pin. He almost lost the leg after complications and infection. Stuart Spruce, the leading try-scorer at Widnes, is out of Sunday's Regal Trophy third-round tie at Hull after suffering damaged knee ligaments.

All Blacks fail to take aboard British view on foul play



DAVID HANDS
Rugby Commentary

David Kirk's remark after New Zealand had won rugby union's inaugural World Cup in 1987 has always lingered in the memory. Quizzed by journalists about a less than entertaining final between the All Blacks and France, Kirk said: "You blokes make me laugh. That was a Test match out there."

That is to say, you do not go out to entertain in international matches, you go out to win them. If the by-product is entertaining, well and good, or if the qualities demanded of either side are so great that victory is earned by a positive, exciting approach, all the better. But winning rugby has always been the ultimate in the New Zealand psyche.

Winning rugby requires many virtues; it may also require a vice or two. Not many captains are moved at a press conference to thank the Almighty for the opportunity to lead Oxford University, and mean it as Chad Lion-Cachet did on Tuesday, but that does not exclude the attitude which embraces potential breach of the game's laws in order to shut out the opposition and protect a winning position.

The New Zealand team that departed on Sunday was a master of that approach. Nowadays we would say the All Blacks were streetwise; a generation ago Colin Meads, the legendary New Zealand lock, growled that the successful 1971 British Lions no longer believed in fairies. It meant the same fairy stories have never loomed large in New Zealand rugby.

But the latest All Blacks were different in that they arrived talking openly about playing entertaining rugby. Admittedly Sean Fitzpatrick, their captain, said that winning rugby was by definition entertaining, and he is only the latest in a long line of All Blacks to whom pressure on an opponent is the stuff of life — pressure by fair means, sometimes by foul, pressure on the referee by ceaselessly questioning.

But Laurie Mains, the coach, genuinely believes that the All Blacks must be entertaining so that they retain their position as his nation's leading sport, feed off the threat of rugby league and spread the union gospel even wider. The misfortune about Mains is that, throughout his rugby career, he has appeared to believe that anything which interferes with his own team's approach is, by inference, an inferior product.

As long ago as 1969, when Mains played full back in the Otago team beaten 27-9 by the touring Welsh in Dunedin, his reaction to defeat was sour. So it was in 1985 when the Otago team he coached was beaten 25-16 by England in what was probably the best display of their tour. This year, after New Zealand had won the series 2-1 against the Lions, Mains confessed he had not found it an enjoyable series save for the final hour (when New Zealand came good to win the third international).

Mains is devoted to New Zealand rugby, but his philosophy seems to exclude two basic premises: the first that most sports enthusiasts prefer a successful team to an attractive team (though both is best), the second that the attraction of rugby is that it offers — or used to offer until the lawmakers decided that the game could do better — several differing ways of skinning the same cat.

Indeed, it is the philosophical beliefs of the present New Zealand management that were called most into question during their progress through England and Scotland. They genuinely could not understand what home unions officials were driving at in the protests over injured players. "We never grumbled at the kicks and cuts our players took," they seemed to say. "Why should you worry so much about yours?"

Never mind a penalty count, why not do a count of the number of stitches received? If you can't stand the heat ... and so it goes on. Sadly it may take litigation to change such a caste of mind and that will not be far away, even in New Zealand.

The more exposure the game receives, the greater the need for self-control. The trouble with exposure is the constant need to feed it with "entertainment".

Winning is, per se, entertaining for many. The flavour of the month, though, can easily turn sour under the eye of the cameras. All it needs is a careless foot in a ruck — and it is not only New Zealanders who should be aware of that.

Fickle wind rises and Smith hangs on to lead

FROM BARRY PICKTHALL IN FREMANTLE

THE winds finally filled for an impatient Lawrie Smith and his Intrum Justitia crew yesterday — just in time to save their long-standing lead at the end of the second stage of the Whitbread Round the World Race.

As darkness fell on Fremantle, the finish of this tough 7,500-mile stage across the Southern Ocean from Uruguay, Smith and his men were within 150 miles of the line having increased their speed from two to 13 knots.

That was the same speed as Tokio, Chris Dickson's chasing yacht, which was 50 miles astern, with its rival New Zealander crew on Yamaha, skippered by Ross Field, a further 54 miles behind.

If Intrum holds the wind overnight, its crew can expect to take the winning gun around midday (about 05:00GMT) and reduce Tokio's overall lead from 15 to 10 hours.

After losing almost as much time as Intrum, Field reported yesterday that Yamaha had picked up some breeze and was also making 13 knots. "We keep reminding ourselves how Steinlager came through in the last days [of the last race] from fourth to win," he said. "The first boats have a good lead, but there are lots of parking lots between here and Fremantle."

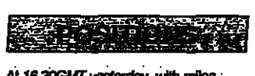
Field's yacht has received considerable damage and will need to be pulled out of the water on arrival. "The maxis are much more of a stable platform," he said. "These boats are like windsurfers. They are very hard to control, very wet, very fast and on occasion can be very scary. Four nights ago, visibility was really bad. We had 30 to 35 knots of wind and were doing 22 or 23 knots with spray flying everywhere. One of the boys said 'this is bordering on madness' — and he was right."

Despite their stability, the 85-foot maxis are proving second-class on this leg, having been overtaken by three of the Whitbread 60s. Merit Cup, Pierre Fehlmann's Swiss entry, finally got the better of New Zealand Endeavour, Grant Dalton's disabled rival, overnight, and was soon 16 miles ahead. Even so, Fehlmann's crew endured a frustrating night. "We have been becalmed for most of the night with a big swell from the south-west," he said.

Dalton, whose yacht lost the top third of her mizzen mast 11 days ago, was also in a ragged mood. "Three nights ago we were risking our lives, surfing at great speeds, but last night we hardly moved," he said. "Right now we have no wind and are paying the price of having two-thirds the horsepower. The next 24 hours will be the most critical in the entire race."

One crew blessing their good fortune however, is Winston, Brad Butterworth's American 60-footer, which lost more than half a day returning to the aid of Brooksfield, Guido Maisto's damaged Italian 60-footer. Winston, still in fifth place, averaged more than 16 knots for six hours yesterday having climbed well north of the fleet to avoid the calms that have beset the leaders. "We are really flying and have managed to cut a lot of miles from the leading boats," said Matteo Plazzi, the navigator.

Butterworth reported difficulties in steering with one wheel after Dino Phipps, his fellow crewman, fell through the port wheel three days ago.

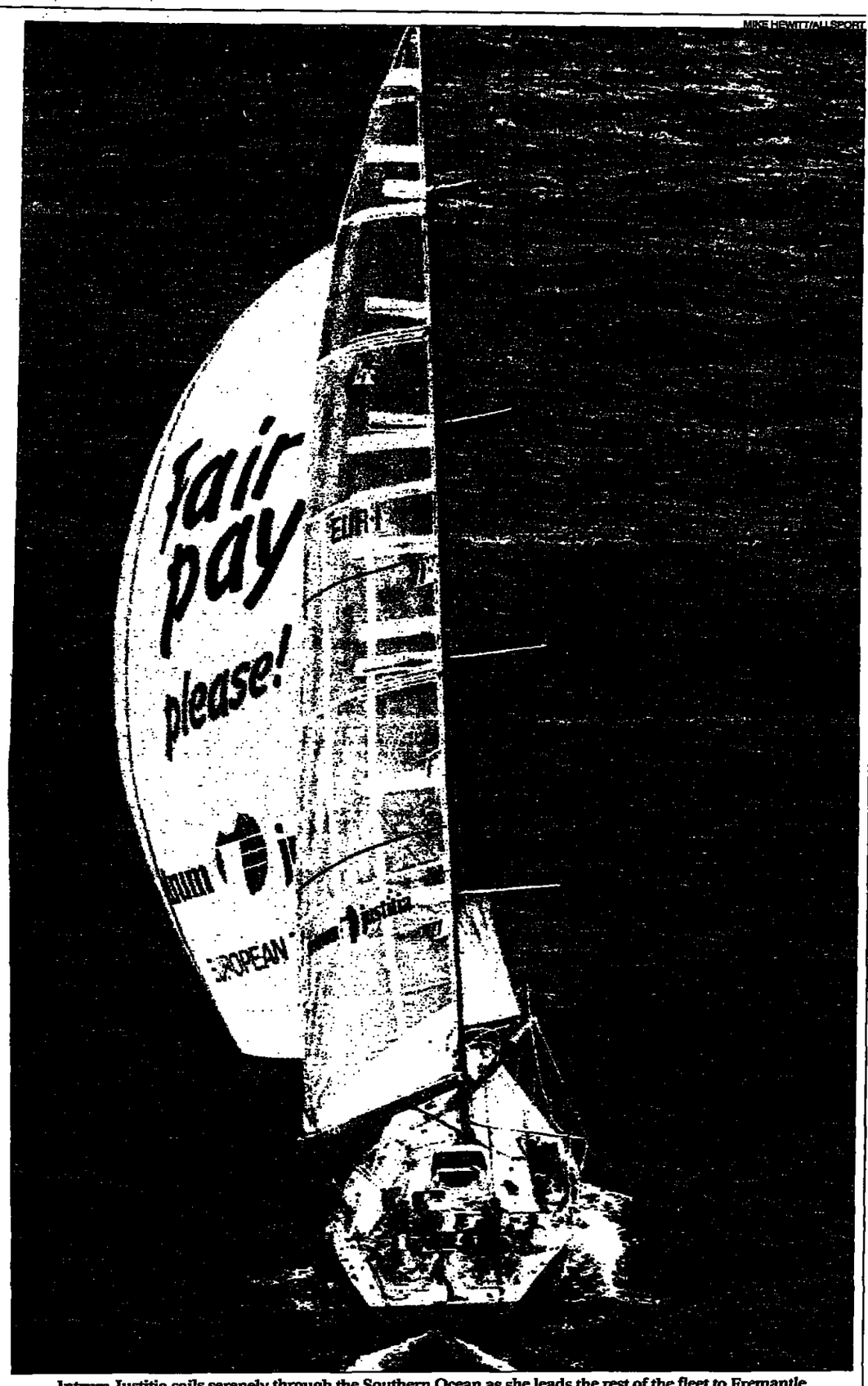


At 16.30GMT yesterday, with miles to Fremantle, Australia.

WHITBREAD 60 CLASS: 1, Intrum Justitia (L Smith, Eur), 145; 2, Tokio (C Dickson, NZ), 193; 3, Yamaha (R Field, NZ), 247; 4, Galicia 93 Pescanova (J de la Gandara, Sp), 275; 5, Winston (B Butterworth, US), 433; 6, Helman Sahaidachny (E Paton, Ukr), 1,335; 7, Women's Challenge (D Riley, US), 1,343; 8, Brooksfield (G Maisto, It) 1,530; 9, Odessa (A Verba, Ukr), 1,751; 10, Dolphin & Youth Challenge (M Humphries, GB), 1,979.

MAXI CLASS: 1, Merit Cup (P Fehlmann, Switz), 254; 2, NZ Endeavour (G Dalton, NZ), 270; 3, La Poste (D Malle, Fr), 971; 4, Uruguay Natural (G Vanzini, Uru), 1,734.

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Intrum Justitia sails serenely through the Southern Ocean as she leads the rest of the fleet to Fremantle

Flu will not deter Thatcher's attempt on marathon record

BY ALIX RAMSAY

NOEL Thatcher is not the luckiest of runners. This time last year the Paralympics 1500 metres champion ran in the World Cup marathon for the visually impaired in Japan only to pull up injured after 25km. That began a frustrating winter of treatment for a persistent hip problem.

By September he was fit again and headed for Dublin, the European athletics championships and another crack at the marathon. After 21 miles injury struck again. Now, with the second World Cup in Japan four days away, Thatcher is trying to shake off a fierce attack of flu. Quaffing copious quantities of Chinese herbal tea in an effort to get well, Thatcher knows he has a good chance of beating the world record of 2hr 33min 39sec in the B2 category.

"Most of the partially sighted world records,including my own, are pretty soft," Thatcher said. "I thought it was worth having a crack at it. I'm confident and I feel healthy enough if only I can shake off this virus." The World Cup is run alongside another marathon; with so many sighted and partially sighted entrants running together, the organisers have provided guide runners. But they were not quite prepared for Thatcher. "They couldn't find me anyone who could run under 2hr 35min, so I have to have two guides running in shifts," he said.



Thatcher: job support

Apart from the flu Thatcher's preparation for Japan could not have been better. He is running better than he has for the past two years, and his employers are footing the bill for the trip.

Thatcher is a physiotherapist with Westminster Health Care, which runs 50 residential homes for the elderly — they were happy to arrange his work around his training.

Pat Carter, the managing director, said: "We care for so many people who have some form of disability through old age, this was a way of showing that disability doesn't stop you from doing what you want."

Not every employer looks so kindly on disabled athletes. Mark Farnell, the Paralympic, world and European marathon champion in the B3 class, has failed to make the starting line in Japan for the second year running. Last year he found the money for the trip but his employers would not give him the time off work — this year he has the time, but not the money.

Allen bowled over by match against legendary Bryant

BY DAVID RHYS JONES

TONIGHT, David Allen, a bowler of the overarm kind, who played cricket for Gloucestershire and England between 1953 and 1972, comes face to face with David Bryant, a legendary bowler of the underarm variety. They meet at Thornbury leisure centre, near Bristol, in the second round of the national indoor pairs championship.

Allen played in 39 Test matches, and shared with Ken Barrington the honour of being the first cricketers to tour every Test-playing country, while Bryant, a prolific winner of world titles, won his first bowls trophy in 1948 and is still going strong 45 years later.

"Bowls must be the only sport where a comparative novice like me can come up against a world champion in such an early stage of a competition," Allen said. "I started playing for fun five years ago, but my partner put me up to entering the nationals this winter. We were delighted to get through our first match. Then we found we were to play David. I've known him for ages but this will be the first time we've met on the green."

Allen is one of several cricketers who have played bowls. The most famous of them all, Dr W. G. Grace — also of Gloucestershire — founded the English Bowling Association (EBA) in 1903, became the first EBA president and played the sport internationally in the first decade of this century. Eileen Vigor, who won the English women's Champion of Champions title in April and is a regular bowls international, played cricket for England while David Constant, the Test umpire, has become a prominent member of the Bristol indoor bowls club.

Allen still coaches youngsters at Thornbury and turns out occasionally for the Lord's Taverners. "I relish the etiquette and good sportsmanship that bowls retains," he said. "It was the way we were brought up in cricket. Some of the major sports have lost the enjoyment factor."

Bryant, 62, continues to confound the experts by turning in match-winning performances. He has won ten English indoor titles and is again on course to reach the final stages of the national championships. The pairs encounter this evening should be a small, but important, step on that journey.



Bryant: still a force

Nottingham seek to turn ebb tide

BY DAVID HANDS

NOT long ago, Nottingham were among the top eight rugby clubs in England, but relegation from the first division at the end of the 1991-92 season has sent them into a descending spiral. They are propping up the second division with one point from eight matches, and this week the chairman and the secretary resigned.

But the picture is not so bleak as may appear to outsiders — Tony Butcher, the former chairman who finished on Monday night along with David Roberts, the secretary, is anxious that it should not appear so.

Butcher, whose association with Nottingham as player and administrator goes back 30 years, will retain a place on selection, and Alan Bragg, who has been running the under-21 section, will take over as chairman. Roberts, who has been coach and president of Nottingham as well as secretary (and spent several years as Canada's technical director) will be succeeded by Gordon Wallis.

Like so many clubs Nottingham discovered that, once removed from the first division, players look elsewhere; at the same time several who had been fundamental to Nottingham's success during the 1980s — Peter Cook, Simon Hodgkinson, Gary Rees among them — were approaching the end of their careers or were affected by injury, and a major rebuilding operation had to take place with young, inexperienced material.

Already some of that investment is paying off, with the likes of Matt Gallagher, the promising full back, and it will help when Chris Gray, the former Scotland lock and Nottingham's captain, returns from an ankle injury. But Nottingham need some immediate playing success — perhaps the home match with Gloucester in the fourth round of the Pilkington Cup on December 18, is the place to start.

Gloucester will be without Peter Jones, the Scotland prop, who has been suspended for 60 days for stamping during the league game against Northampton on November 20.

☐ Scott Hastings will captain Scotland A side against Italy in Rovigo on December 18.

SCOTLAND A XV: M Dods (Gala); K Milligan (Stewart's-Melville FP), S Hastings (Watsonians, captain), I Jardine (Stirling County), K Logan (Stirling County); G Shiel (Melrose), B Redpath (Melrose); A Sharp (Bristol), K McKenzie (Stirling County), P Wright (Boroughmuir), P Walton (Northampton), S Munro (Glasgow High/Kelvinside), A Macdonald (Heriot's FP), C Hogg (Melrose), D McIntosh (Pennypridd). Replacements: S Nichol (Selkirk), D Wyllie (Stewart's-Melville FP), D Patterson (Edinburgh Academicals), F Wallace (Glasgow High/Kelvinside), D Herrington (Dundee High School FP), J Hay (Hawick).

☐ Huw Woodland, the Neath centre, has been drafted in to the 38-strong Wales squad for the five nations' championship as a replacement for Scott Gibbs.

American gives Grand Slam Cup semblance of credibility with stirring display

Chang produces competitive contest

FROM STUART JONES
TENNIS CORRESPONDENT
IN MUNICH

THE Grand Slam Cup, a shameless financial exercise designed to line the pockets of the fabulously wealthy, was at least filled with a tiny drop of credibility yesterday. For the first time in the tournament, the wretched sequence of tepid and undistinguished mismatches was interrupted if only temporarily.

Naturally, Michael Chang was involved. The 21-year-old devout Christian would never take the money and run. One felt that that accusation might have been levelled at some of the losers, who stood to collect $100,000 (about £67,000) in spite of being eliminated on the opening day. None lasted for more than 100 minutes.

At that stage, Chang, the youngest qualifier in the field of 16, was merely warming up to the threat posed by the oldest, Wally Masur. At last, instead of another non-event in the formal procession, here was a competitive match with an outcome that was less than wholly predictable.

Chang went through to the quarter-finals but he was two points away from being 4-0 down in the final set. He relishes adversity. Put him in a tight corner and he delights in finding an improbable escape route. On this occasion, he was ultimately helped by outrageous fortune.

The shot that carried him into a 6-5 lead almost struck the net post, causing the judge to rear back in an instinctively self-protective movement. The ball bounced on top of the tape, changed direction and fell into the far corner of the court.

Chang is a walking compendium of Grand Slam Cup statistics. As well as being the shortest and most youthful entrant, he has featured in the longest match — 4hr 42min against Ivan Lendl in 1991 — has the best record and won the most money.

The only player to appear in all four Cups held so far, he has never yet failed to reach the last four. His success can be no coincidence. It is based on a fiery competitive approach that contrasts with the carefree and careless attitudes so prevalent here.

In bigger and more meaningful tournaments, he has been significantly less prominent and he aims particularly to improve a grand slam record that includes only one title, the French in 1989, when he was a precocious 17-year-old. He can scarcely fulfil his intention, though, if he is absent.

As soon as he had revealed his ambition, he disclosed that he had decided not to enter the Australian Open next month. Nonsensically, the week before, he will instead defend his title in a relatively trivial event in Jakarta. So much for the grand design.

"I would like to have more time at home for Christmas," he said, in an attempt to explain the inexplicable. "We have quite a few relatives coming over and it is going to be a big Christian party. I have a lot of Bible study to do and prayer songs to sing."

Chang has a formidable barrier to climb if he is to again figure in the semi-finals. His opponent is Pete Sampras, the world No 1 and top seed, who inflicted another humiliation on Thomas Muster. The Austrian equalled his own record for the quickest defeat in the tournament's brief history. In 1990, during the inaugural event, he was dismissed in an hour by Henri Leconte. For his two appearances, therefore, Muster has been paid $200,000 at $27 a second.

Malivai Washington earned a similar rate for his equally predictable and rapid loss to Michael Stich, the holder and world No 2. The organisers of the Australian Open also confirmed yesterday that Chang is unlikely to be the only notable absentee. No application has been received from Monica Seles, who is still recovering from a knife wound. She will be able to compete only if she requests, and is granted, a wild card.

RESULTS: First round: M Chang (US) bt W Masur (Aus), 6-2, 4-6, 7-5; M Stich (Ger) bt M Washington (US), 6-3, 6-1; P Sampras (US) bt T Muster (Austria), 6-3, 6-1.

FRANK LEONHARDT



Chang, of the United States, returns a forehand in his 6-2, 4-6, 7-5 victory over Masur in the Grand Slam Cup in Munich yesterday

IOC board aiming to cut power of commissions

FROM DAVID MILLER IN LAUSANNE

BEHIND the confusion that has surrounded the International Olympic Committee (IOC) programme commission for the past 48 hours, a new mood seems to be emerging. The executive board of the IOC is removing power and influence from the various commissions.

Philippe Chatrier, appointed chairman of the programme commission in succession to Vitaly Smirnov, of Russia, only two years ago, was soon disillusioned with his role, sensing that decisions rested almost wholly with the board. One of the reasons why the board refused to make an official announcement about the commission's proposals on Tuesday was that they were regarded as unsatisfactory, and indeed will probably be revised.

Following the suggestion of removing from the Olympic Games several disciplines, including boxing, equestrian three-day events, modern pentathlon, synchronised swimming and possibly some yachting events, although not harmonised with the board's views, it was imprudent of the board to pretend that there was no story when there was.

Yet a move towards tighter decision-making by the board, and fewer expensive and indecisive commission meetings — there are 25 IOC commissions with 320 personnel, some with double or triple responsibility, originally a device by Juan Antonio Samaranch, the IOC president, to involve more rank and file members — is overdue.

The work on the programme commission, for example, could satisfactorily be accomplished by the analytical input of Gilbert Felli, the staff director of sports, in conjunction with the commission chairman, with the executive board and in consultation with the two associations of summer and winter federations. That would still involve almost 40 people, instead of 50.

Indeed, this week's issue has highlighted the questionable long-term future of IOC members and the urgent need for drastic revision of the IOC's structure and function, aimed at a more streamlined, cost-cutting operation prior to the election of a successor to Samaranch in 1997.

There will be radical alterations to the programme prior to the 2000 games, yet Sydney, the newly-elected hosts, have to be advised as quickly as possible. The executive board will make up its mind on recommendations to be debated at the centenary congress in Paris next summer, with a final decision to be taken at the session of members that follows.

Sydney's consent needed to end Olympic boxing

BY JOHN GOODBODY

BOXING will be dropped from the 2000 Olympic Games only if Sydney, the host, gives its agreement.

Although the programme commission of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) is proposing to exclude boxing, modern pentathlon, synchronised swimming, the three-day event in equestrianism and also cycling, unless it extends its suspensions for drug abuse, Sydney officials yesterday pointed out that the city had a contract on which sports would be held.

John Fahey, the New South Wales premier, said: "There is a firm contractual agreement with the IOC that we are bound to do what we said we would do in our bid books." He said that if there were any changes, they can only be by mutual consent.

Three events have been threatened before: the contrived sport of synchronised swimming, modern pentathlon, which has a restricted number of international competitors, and the three-day event, which is seen as being of minority interest and expensive.

However, boxing has a distinguished pedigree. It was included in the first modern Olympic Games, in 1896, and has subsequently featured such famous figures as Muhammad Ali, George Foreman, Joe Frazier and Sugar Ray Leonard.

Kevin Hickey, for 20 years national coach to the Amateur Boxing Association and now technical director of the British Olympic Association, said: "Boxing is extremely popular throughout the world, particularly in the Third World. It is also acceptable as a combat sport since recent research in England has shown that amateur boxers do not suffer any more damage than rugby players or wrestlers." He also pointed out that the electronic scoring system brought in at Barcelona had increased the skill factor.

One of the biggest opponents to the absence of boxing at the Games could be television. Television companies in the United States might not be prepared to pay such large sums for covering the Games without boxing.

Adrian Metcalfe, an independent television producer and former commissioning editor of Channel 4, said: "Boxing, if properly scheduled, can bring a rise in viewing figures. People understand it. When the Olympics are taking place on a non-European time-scale, it can be useful live viewing for European countries and, for the Americans, it is one of the most important sports in the Games."

SPORT IN BRIEF

Atlanta planning to move rowing venue

ALL the sites for the 26 sports at the Olympic Games in Atlanta in 1996 have been confirmed, apart from the rowing events, a Games official said in Lausanne yesterday. Bill Payne, the chairman of the organising committee, said that rowing's governing body, Fisa, should give its approval to a reservoir at Rockdale, about 30km northeast of Atlanta, by the end of the year. The original site was at Stone Mountain national park, but the changes needed to make it suitable for the event would have been expensive and only temporary.

"We decided to spend money on sites that the Olympic Games will leave as a legacy and not on provisional venues," Payne said. "The rowing venue has been move from Stone Mountain to Rockedale reservoir as we moved the shooting range and the equestrian venue to a permanent site. We already have completed our money program by two thirds, the private sector has supported the Olympic Games to a high level despite the general situation, which is good news for taxpayers."

Record control urged

CYCLING: Graeme Obree, the world individual pursuit champion, yesterday called for a ban on high-altitude attempts on the world hour record. Obree held the record for seven days last summer before Chris Boardman set a new mark. Obree, who intends to try to reclaim the record next year at sea level, was objecting to the high-level attempt by Francesco Moser in Mexico City on January 31. Miguel Indurain, winner of the tour de France, may also have a go.

"If Indurain gets the record at altitude I would also have to travel to a high-altitude venue; it's definitely an advantage," he said. "It would be better if the International Cycling Union decided to restrict future hour record attempts to sea level. It would mean the record would retain its credibility."

Rain delays Test start

CRICKET: Play was abandoned on the first day of the inaugural Test match between Sri Lanka and the West Indies yesterday without a ball being bowled after rain soaked the ground. The lost time will be made up by playing on the rest day, tomorrow. Both matches played by the West Indies so far — a one-day international and a three-day game — were disrupted by rain and ended in draws.

☐ Surrey yesterday signed Jason De La Pena, 21, a medium-fast bowler, on a one-year contract. De La Pena, who was born in London, was released by Gloucestershire at the end of last season. He has played for England Under-19s.

Clay courts plan

TENNIS: The first clay court tournament venue in Britain will be ready to stage a competition in two years' time, the Lawn Tennis Association announced yesterday. The £3 million complex at Craiglockhart, Edinburgh will transform the present centre there into one of the leading clay-court venues in Europe and will have eight clay courts, six acrylic indoor courts and will be the headquarters of the Scottish LTA.

☐ Great Britain have been drawn against third seeds Czech Republic in the first round of the European men's team tennis championship in Trieste, Italy.

Riders prefer Geneva

EQUESTRIANISM: Many of the world's international showjumpers, including Ludger Beerbaum, the Olympic champion, have chosen to compete in the Volvo World Cup qualifier, which starts today in Geneva, in preference to the Paris show, which is not as lucrative as in previous years. Apart from a prize fund of more than SwFr300,000, there are additional prices of a Volvo car and SwFr50,000 on offer to any rider completing six clear rounds with the same horse on consecutive days. Veronique Whitaker and Robert Smith lead Britain's challenge.

Hill pulls out of squad

HOCKEY: Rob Hill, of Havant, the Great Britain player, is considering retirement because he says he cannot play at the top level with increased personal and work commitments. Hill, 27, a Somerset farmer, recently became a father for the first time. Capped 79 times, he scored six goals for Great Britain at the Olympic Games in Barcelona last year. He has pulled out of the Great Britain squad for the New Year tournament in Spain and the Champions Trophy in Pakistan in March and has wound down his commitments with Havant.

Biathlon on move

OLYMPIC GAMES: Two protected species of birds of prey are forcing Japan, the organisers of the 1998 winter Games in Nagano, to switch the biathlon events to a new venue. Makoto Kobayashi, the director-general of the Japanese organising committee, told the International Olympic Committee yesterday that nests and fledglings of goshawks and buzzards had been found on the site at Hakuba, 37 kilometres west of Nagano. As both species are protected by an international treaty, the venue will probably have to be switched to Nozawa Onsen, 50km north of the city.

Europeans change Ryder Cup process

BY JOHN HOPKINS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT

TWO changes in the Ryder Cup selection process — one good, one less good — have been made for the 1995 match at the Oak Hill Country Club, Rochester, New York.

The first is that the money won by Europeans competing in the US Masters, US Open and US PGA championships will be added to their winnings in Europe, which counts towards places in the European team. This is a logical step that favours the better players.

Hitherto, those few who were good enough to play in any or all of the three majors across the Atlantic were handicapped because, regardless of where they finished in the United States, their winnings did not count towards the European Ryder Cup team.

"The Ryder Cup Committee unanimously agreed that, with more of our leading players now competing in the three major championships on American soil, the time was right to include all of them as qualifying events."

Ken Schofield, executive director of the PGA European Tour, said.

If this change in the qualifying process had been in operation this year, José María Olazábal would have been an automatic qualifier, rather than being one of the three choices of Bernard Gallacher, the captain.

A less satisfactory change is that the number of wild card places chosen by the captain has been reduced from three to two. This chips away a little more from the art of captaincy, which is to pick the players you want and then deploy them in a strategic way to get the best results from them.

It also places too much emphasis on winnings and not enough on tournament victories, though it does mean that both captains now have two selections to make. "It was recognised that the Ryder Cup is all about playing your way into the team," Schofield said. "That being the case, it was decided to increase the automatic qualifiers from nine to ten."

FOR THE RECORD

BASKETBALL

EUROPEAN CLUBS' CHAMPIONSHIP: Semi-final series: Real Madrid 90 Bayer Leverkusen (Ger) 76; Fenerbahce (Tur) 65 Zaragoza (Sp) 62. Benfica 67 Cibona Zagreb 66.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Orlando 91 Detroit 89; New Jersey 117 Boston 90, Indiana 105 Sacramento 87, Cleveland 109 Portland 100, Miami 106 Dallas 101; Houston 121 Charlotte 102, Chicago 115 Los Angeles Clippers 111, Golden State 95 Denver 90; New York 92 Los Angeles Lakers 78.

FOOTBALL

Uefa Cup

Third round, second leg

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Cagliari (It) 3 Mechelen (Bel) 1 (agg 5-1), Borussia Dortmund 1 Brondby (Den) 0 (agg 2-1), Tenerife (Sp) 2 Juventus 1 (agg 2-1).

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION. First division: Arsenal 4 Watford 3 League Cup: Birmingham 3 Swansea 1, Hereford 2 Cardiff 3

The following matches were postponed: FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP: Chelsea v Wimbledon, Newcastle v Coventry

SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Hearts v Motherwell.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Rangers	21	10	7	4	32	21	27
Aberdeen	21	7	11	3	26	16	25
Celtic	21	8	9	4	26	16	25
Motherwell	20	10	5	5	24	15	25
Hibernian	21	8	7	6	26	24	23
Kilmarnock	21	6	10	5	19	18	22
Dundee Utd	21	5	12	4	21	23	22
Partick	21	5	9	7	26	28	19
Hearts	20	5	9	6	14	16	19
St Johnstone	21	4	8	9	17	26	16
Raith	21	3	10	8	24	38	16
Dundee	21	4	2	14	20	31	11

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Brighton v West Ham, Ipswich v Southampton, Luton v Swindon. League Cup: Exeter v Torquay, Bournemouth v Yeovil

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Premier division: Horwich v Emley

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Frickley	23	13	5	5	59	30	44
Marine	22	13	5	4	53	33	44
B Auckland	23	12	5	6	36	37	41
Boston	22	12	4	6	50	27	40
Barrow	21	10	5	6	32	21	35
Morecambe	21	10	4	7	49	27	34
Matlock	20	9	6	5	44	31	33
Droylsden	20	8	8	4	32	30	32
Gainsborough	23	8	7	8	38	36	31
Colwyn Bay	17	8	6	3	28	17	30
Leek	16	8	5	3	31	22	29
Hyde	22	8	4	10	35	41	28
Whitley Bay	21	7	5	9	29	41	26
Emley	18	6	7	5	30	26	25
Knowsley Utd	17	6	6	5	32	22	24
Buxton	20	6	5	9	31	37	23
Bridlington	18	5	5	8	21	30	20
Chorley	18	5	5	8	26	36	20
Winsford	21	4	5	12	20	34	17
Accrington S	21	5	2	14	23	43	17
Horwich*	22	4	3	15	25	44	14
Fleetwood	22	2	3	17	26	73	9

* one point deducted

KONICA LEAGUE OF WALES: Aberystwyth v Inter Cardiff

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Manchester Utd v York, Nottingham Forest v Sheffield Utd. Second division: Blackpool v Barnsley, Port Vale v Oldham, Tranmere v Mansfield, West Bromwich v Scunthorpe.

First division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Aston Villa	15	10	2	3	28	11	32
Manchester U	13	10	2	1	33	18	32
Leeds	14	8	2	4	19	14	26
Blackburn	15	7	4	4	20	15	25
Derby	15	6	5	4	25	24	23
Newcastle	14	6	4	4	21	14	22

FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

PONTINS LEAGUE: First division: Sheffield Wednesday v Newcastle Utd (7.0). Sunderland v Liverpool (7.0).

FA CHALLENGE VASE: Second round, third replay: Newport IoW v Banstead Ath (7.30).

OTHER SPORT

SWIMMING: ASA winter championships (Gloucester).

Liverpool	13	5	6	2	22	18	21
Wolves	15	5	6	4	18	16	21
Bolton	15	4	7	4	39	36	19
Sheffield U	15	4	6	5	25	25	18
Notts For	15	4	5	6	16	20	17
Coventry	13	5	2	6	13	17	17
Leicester	15	4	3	8	22	27	15
Sunderland	10	3	5	2	11	10	14
Notts Co	14	3	5	6	12	23	14
Everton	14	3	4	7	21	23	13
Sheffield W	15	2	5	8	20	31	11
York	14	0	3	11	15	38	3

Late results on Tuesday

FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP: Oldham Athletic 2 Swindon Town 1, Sheffield United 0 Manchester United 3

ENDSLEIGH INSURANCE LEAGUE: First division: Bolton Wanderers 1 West Bromwich Albion 1; Portsmouth 2 Watford 0. Second division: Bournemouth 2 Port Vale 1

AUTOGLASS TROPHY: Second round: Chester City 1 Rotherham United 0; Bradford City 2 Crewe Alexandra 3, Swansea City 2 Exeter City 1 (aet).

DRINKWISE CUP: Quarter-final: Northwich Victoria 3 Kidderminster Harriers 2

SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Dundee 1 Dundee United 2, Raith Rovers 1 Aberdeen 1. First division: Dunfermline Athletic 4 Hamilton Academical 0. Second division: Alloa 1 Forfar Athletic 1

UEFA CUP: Third round, second legs: Casino Salzburg (Austria) 3 Sporting Lisbon 0 (aet, 90min: 2-0; agg 3-2), SC Karlsruhe (Ger) 3 Bordeaux 0 (agg 3-1), Boavista (Por) 2 OFI Crete (Gre) 0 (agg 6-1), Deportivo la Coruña (Sp) 0 Eintracht Frankfurt 1 (agg: 0-2)

DIADORA LEAGUE: First division: Wembley 2 Staines 0. Second division: Aldershot Town 1 Burton Rvrs 0, Hemel Hempstead 0 Aveley 1, Met Police 1 Newbury 1; Thame 1 Lewes 0. Third division: Clapton 1 Chesham J; Cove 2 Feltham and H 2; Hornchurch 0 Southall 1, Leighton 5 Harefield 0. Carlsberg Cup: First round: Barking 0 Leyton 2; Whyteleafe 3 Croydon 4. Carlsberg TrophY: First round: Bracknell 1 Leatherhead 1 (Leatherhead won 5-4 on pens).

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Premier division: Leek 3 Hyde 0; Morecambe 5 Knowsley 0. First division: Gretna 2 Lancaster 2. League Cup. Second round: Barrow 0 Accrington Stanley 1

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Midland division: Redditch 1 Dudley 2. Southern division: Braintree 2 Bishop's 1; Bury 2 Gravesend and N 5, Havant 2 Tonbridge

AFC 1 Dr Martens Cup: Second round: Cambridge City 3 Rushden and D 1; Nuneaton 1 Hednesford 3. Third round: Halesowen 2 Gresley 3, Moor Green 0 Burton 3

ALLBRIGHT BITTER WELSH CUP: Fourth round: Hereford 4 Newtown 0; Wrexham 0 Cardiff 2.

KONICA LEAGUE OF WALES CUP: Third round, second legs: Bangor 3 Porthmadog 0, Afan Lido 4 Llanelli 1, Mold 0 Caersws 3

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Exmouth 1 Liskeard 2

STAFFORDSHIRE SENIOR CUP: Stourbridge 1 Stafford 2

FEDERATION BREWERY NORTHERN LEAGUE CUP: Chester le Street 2 Shildon 3. Postponed: Durston FB v Eppleton CW

JEWSON LEAGUE: Premier division: Gorleston 1 Wroxham 3, Harwich and P 1 Felixstowe 1; Histon 0 March Town 0; Sudbury 3 Lowestoft 5, Watton 3 Wisbech 3. Cup: Diss 1 Stowmarket 0

REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Dadora League 2 FA XI 1

BUDWEISER CUP: Semi-final: Distillery 1 Linfield 3 (aet)

CARLING NORTH-WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Blackpool Rvrs 0 Atherton LR 3, Burscough 5 Rossendale 1 Postponed: Prescot v Glossop NE. Second division: Irlam 3 Maghull 2

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Bristol City 1 Wimbledon 2 League Cup: Birmingham 3 Swansea 0

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Everton 1 Derby 2, Coventry 2 Notts County 1. Second division: Postponed: Rotherham v Grimsby

FA YOUTH CUP: Second round: Croydon 2 Wycombe 3; Woking 4 Portsmouth 6, Burnley 3 Leeds 0

OTHER MATCH: Wolverhampton Wanderers 1 Horwich (Hun) 1.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Hartford 6 Washington 1, Quebec 4 Calgary 4 (OT), Edmonton 4 New York Islanders 4 (OT); St Louis 3 Chicago 2, Tampa Bay 3 San Jose 1; Florida 3 Anaheim 2.

INTERNATIONAL MATCH: United States 5, Russia 4 (in Greensboro, North Carolina).

RACKETS

HENDERSON NATIONAL LEAGUE: A Hiscock and M Henman (Old Malvernians) bt S Beecroft and P Baldwin (Radley Rangers) 15-5, 15-3, 15-5, 15-4; C Mason and J Hughes (Old Malvernians) bt R Connell and O Everett (Radley Rangers) 15-7, 15-11, 5-15, 15-0, 9-15, 15-2.

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCHES: Pontypridd 56 Blaina 5. Cancelled: Abertillery v Cheltenham

BRITISH FIRE SERVICES INTERNATIONAL MATCH: England 12 Wales 49

ROYAL NAVY CUP: Final: HQ and Signals Squadron (Royal Marines) 16 HMS Heron (RNAS) 12.

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Daily Mail Under-18 Cup: Third round: St Edward's, Liverpool 29 Queen Elizabeth GS, Penrith 3 Charlotte Stanmar-Smith memorial match: Shiplake 16 Sydney GS 6

SQUASH

ENGLISH RANKINGS: Men. 1, P Marshall (Leics), 2, C Walker (Essex), 3, P Whitlock (Cheshire), 4, S Parke (Yorks); 5, T Hands (Essex), 6, S Meads (Berks); 7, J Nicolic (Herts), 8, D Medinge (Surrey), 9, P Gregory (Surrey), 10, P Lord (Cheshire) Women: equal 1, S Horner (Yorks), S Wright (Kent); 3, C Jackman (Norfolk), 4, F Geaves (Gloucs), 5, J Martin (Northumberland), 6, L Charman (Sussex); 7, R Macrae (Essex), 8, S Macfie (Surrey); 9, R Poole (Staffs), 10, S Spacey (Herts).

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Scores count for 1994 event

Oct 11 Godsell Astley & Pearce Ltd (at Thorndon Park)
1, D Hallums, 38pts
2, R Milne, 36
3, A Jackson, 33
Top guest: K Watson, 36
Aggregate score: 143

Oct 11 Tradition (UK) Ltd (at Woburn)
1, P Moscicki, 38pts
2, C Redman, 38
3, N Stewart, 34
Top guest: A Barrett, 38
Aggregate score: 148

Oct 21 Whitbread Services Division (at Forest of Arden)
1, S Gunning, 29pts
2, N Percy 27
3, L Begg, 26
Top guest: D Broom, 28
Aggregate score: 110

Nov 13 Armitage Shanks/ Mark Abrahams (at Vila Sol, Portugal)
1, J G Danks, 26pts
J Hallett, 25
3, G Cliff, 25
Top guest: I MacNicol, 31
Aggregate score: 107

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BHB and Tote link to promote new Superbet next year

By Richard Evans, Racing Correspondent

A NEW Superbet, with a minimum six-figure pay-out, should be introduced into British racing next year.

The long-awaited wager, which will offer punters the chance of winning a large sum from a small stake, is set to become reality following talks between the British Horseracing Board (BHB) and the Tote.

Tristram Ricketts, chief executive of the BHB, announced the welcome innovation at the first annual forum staged by the BHB, where its blueprint for racing was discussed by 100 of the sport's representatives for almost two hours.

"The BHB is providing the Tote with ideas as to the races which might form the basis of a Superbet," Ricketts said. "A strong competitive Tote is a more realistic alternative to the Tote monopoly, which for both competition and political reasons is unlikely, 33 years after the Betting and Gaming Act of 1960, to find favour with any government. Consumer choice is as important for the punter as it is for other customers."

Brian McDonnell, chief executive of the Tote, explained later that a sufficient number of outlets in high street betting shops was critical to the success of the Superbet. He estimated that terminals would need to be installed in between 3,000 and 4,000 shops, which would involve at least two of the big bookmaking chains being involved.

Up to now, only Coral has co-operated with the Tote by introducing Tote Direct terminals into its shops. Ladbrokes and William Hill have shunned any such business deal. However, McDonnell was hopeful the new bet could be introduced "some time in 1994".

For a stake as low as £1, punters will be asked to select the first six horses home in a nominated handicap race, hopefully televised, on Saturdays. The attraction of a small stake — big prize bet was reinforced in the autumn when the Tote Jackpot built up to £700,000 and created enormous punter interest before being won on Cambridgeshire day at Newmarket.

The BHB's initial strategy for horse racing, produced six months after the sport's new governing body came into existence, is a realistic synopsis of the sport's priorities and problems and how they are to be tackled in the run up to the 21st century.

Outlining the thinking behind the 18-page strategy plan, Ricketts stressed how partnership — between government, the betting industry and racing — was crucial. He said that the key objective of putting British racing on a sound financial footing could not be achieved by the BHB alone. Grass roots pressure from everyone within racing was required, and on a festive note he suggested: "Why not spend Christmas writing to your MP."

The board's key political objectives include a reduction in betting duty, deregulation of the betting industry, Sunday racing with on and off-course betting, and responsibility for the Tote and the Levy Board's cash distributing job.

Although the ambition to gain control of the Tote is listed as a medium-term objective, Lord Hartington said he hoped talks could get underway early in 1994 to plan the transfer of powers.

Lord Wyatt of Weeford, chairman of the Tote, is on record as agreeing in principle with the BHB's aim and his support could prove crucial to racing being responsible for the pool betting organisation.

Ricketts warned that without a cut in betting duty substantial increases in prize money — £10 million plus a year — would be out of reach for many years to come.

The board's strategy underlines the need for racing to be more customer friendly. In a thinly disguised criticism of certain big-race courses it says racing should shed out-dated practices and attitudes while preserving the best of tradition.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: MOORCROFT BOY
(1.20 Haydock Park)
Next best: Aparecida
(3.10 Taunton)

BARRY GREENWOOD



One Man, the grey, on his way to making all the running in the Tony Dickinson Memorial Novices Chase at Haydock Park yesterday

Osborne to replace Wyer on Coulton

By Julian Muscat

JAMIE Osborne is to replace Lorcan Wyer aboard the Mick Easterby-trained Coulton, an intended runner in the Bonusprint Novices Chase at Cheltenham on Saturday.

Wyer, who confirmed the jockey change at Haydock Park yesterday, has ridden Coulton in each of his four starts this season. The six-year-old, a faller at Wetherby in October, has won his other three completed starts over fences.

"The owners want a change, and that's fine by me," Wyer said after riding Bollin William to a 20-length victory in the Waterloo Hurdle.

Coulton, one-time favourite for the Champion Hurdle last season, will have to beat One Man if he is to close out his season as the leading novice chaser.

One Man was a horse entirely befitting of the occasion at Haydock yesterday, when racing had cause to remember two of its dearest friends. The five-year-old, formerly trained by the late Arthur Stephenson, ran out an impressive winner of the Tony Dickinson Memorial Novices Chase over three miles.

How Dickinson, a fine tutor of young jumpers, would have marvelled at the fleet-footed One Man, himself a grey in the mould of Desert Orchid. Only rarely can a novice chaser have skipped round this demanding circuit with such nonchalance.

Gordon Richards, his trainer, heaped praise on his 68,000-guinea recruit from the Stephenson dispersal six months ago. "He is only a little child, but he does have a fair bit of toe," Richards said.

"He has a lovely temperament and looks like he will be all right for the Sun Alliance Chase [at Cheltenham in March]." One Man earned a 33-1 quote for the 1995 Gold Cup.

Richards, who completed a double when Last 'O' The Bunch made all in the Leigh Handicap Chase, had to endure the sight of Whispering Steel dumping Neale Doughty, his jockey, after a bad blunder four fences out in the Tommy Whittle Chase.

The race went to Grand National candidate Gambling Royal, but only after the riderless Whispering Steel precipitated Very Very Ordinary's departure at the final fence when upsides the eventual winner.

HAYDOCK PARK

THUNDERER
12.20 The Black Monk
12.50 Demilune
1.20 ALL JEFF (nap)
1.50 Konvekta King
2.20 Wanderweg
2.50 Good For A Laugh
3.20 Missy-S

GOING: HEAVY SIS

12.20 WIDNES CLAIMING HURDLE (£2,215: 2m 4f) (11 runners)

101 P24-03 FOX CHAPEL 12 (D,G,S) (K Budge) Jimmy Fitzgerald 6-11-2 M Dwyer 86
102 1F253- SECRET CASTLE 264 (F) (J Baugh) B Baugh 5-11-2 T Wall 59
103 1213-2 THE BLACK MONK 103 (V,D,BF,F,G,S) (Martin Pipe Racing Club) M Pipe 5-11-0 M Foster
104 41/25- MANGROVE MIST 432 (D,F,G)(Cooper Capital Racing) P Monteith 5-10-11 A Dobbin 66
105 54-530 HIGH GRADE 10 (D,G) (Under Orders Racing III) Miss S Wilton 5-10-10 H Davies 70
106 443404 PHALAROPE 26 (G) (A Watson) D Brennan 5-10-10 R Moore (7) –
107 120-21 MECADO 24 (V,D,G,S)(Maltsword Ltd) F Yardley 6-10-9 A Maguire 61
108 331-06 PANDESSA 27 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs D Tulloch) W Cunningham 5-10-7 P Niven 80
109 5-1540 SAOIRSE 6 (F,S) (R Williams) D Moffatt 5-10-7 D J Moffatt (3) 69
110 5-6320 COMSTOCK 8 (G) (Dale Bloodstock Ltd) N Tinkler 6-10-6 E Husband (7) 76
111 5-3060 MAKE ME PROUD 8 (F) (J Tranter) W Bentley 4-10-5 L Wyer 74

BETTING: 5-2 The Black Monk, 7-2 Fox Chapel, 5-1 Comstock, 7-1 Saoirse, 8-1 Pandessa, 10-1 others.

1992: BIGHAYIR 5-10-13 P Scudamore (1-2 fav) M Pipe 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

FOX CHAPEL ½l 3rd to Jeassu in handicap hurdle at Warwick (2m 4f 110yd, good). SECRET CASTLE 4¾l 3rd to Seraphim in claiming novice hurdle at Newcastle (2m 110yd, good to firm). THE BLACK MONK 1l 2nd to Johnsted in claiming hurdle at Hereford (2m 3f 110yd, good to firm). HIGH GRADE 1l 3rd to Our Slimbridge in claiming hurdle at Warwick (2m 4f 110yd, good to soft) on penultimate start. MECADO beat Roger's Pal 2½l in 5-runner conditional jockeys selling handicap hurdle at Plumpton (2m 1f, good). SAOIRSE 16l 8th to Tip It In in handicap hurdle at Catterick (2m, good) with COMSTOCK (5lb better off) 2l 10th.
Selection: FOX CHAPEL

12.50 SOUTHPORT JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE (3-Y-O: £2,163: 2m) (11 runners)

201 5214 ON GOLDEN POND 77 (G) (N Mason Farms Ltd) G Moore 10-13 N Bentley (3) 86
202 ANORAK 47F (Dunnington, Shaw & Smart) P Haslam 10-12 J Callaghan –
203 33 DEMILUNE 61 (Mrs S Tainton) N Twiston-Davies 10-12 C Llewellyn 85
204 GIORDANO 97F (J Garratley) P Evans 10-12 Gary Lyons –
205 00 JASPER ONE 14 (G Farndon) R Woodhouse 10-12 R Garritty –
206 56 LITTLE GUNNER 9 (A Bailey) P Evans 10-12 A Maguire 74
207 PUBLIC WAY 38F (N Chamberlain) N Chamberlain 10-12 T Reed –
208 P TARGET LINE 61 (Mrs D McCain) D McCain 10-12 Mr D McCain (5) –
209 22203 THE PREMIER EXPRES 8 (R Davison) W Bentley 10-12 L Wyer 92
210 KEEN AND CLEAN 143F (Lakeland Pennine Group) D Moffatt 10-7 D J Moffatt (3) –
211 3 LOVE YOU MADLY 26 (Mrs A Farrant) M Pipe 10-7 M Foster

BETTING: 6-4 Love You Madly, 5-1 On Golden Pond, 11-2 The Premier Expres, 6-1 Demilune, 8-1 others.

1992: HER HONOUR 10-7 P Scudamore (4-11 fav) M Pipe 14 ran

FORM FOCUS

ON GOLDEN POND beat Sharp Sensation 10l in novice hurdle at Sedgefield (2m 1f 110yd, good) on penultimate start. DEMILUNE 3½l 3rd to Wordsmith in novice hurdle at Bangor (2m 1f, soft) with TARGET LINE pulled up two out. GIORDANO 5¾l 7th to Hazard A Guess in handicap here (1m 4f, good to firm) on latest Flat start. LITTLE GUNNER 33l 6th to Nawar in novice hurdle at Leicester (2m, soft). PUBLIC WAY beat Across The Bay neck in claiming handicap at Newcastle (1m, soft) on latest Flat start. THE PREMIER EXPRES two heads 3rd to Atherton Green in novice hurdle at Catterick (2m, good). LOVE YOU MADLY 7¾l 3rd to Spring Marathon in novice hurdle at Cheltenham (2m 110yd, soft).
Selection: LOVE YOU MADLY

1.20 RONNIE JOHNSTON MEMORIAL HANDICAP TROPHY (£5,628: 4m 110yd) (8 runners)

301 1UP-32 ALL JEFF 21 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Lady Joseph) C Brooks 9-11-7 G Bradley
302 03-511 WHAAT FETTLE 28 (G,S) (The Edinburgh Woollen Mill Ltd) G Richards 8-11-4 M Moloney 93
303 0203-5 JUST SO 6 (B,S) (H Cole) H Cole 10-11-3 S Burrough 97
304 1222-2 MOORCROFT BOY 12 (G,S) (K Manley) D Nicholson 8-10-12 A Maguire 93
305 4-F42P BOREEN OWEN 9 (G,S) (D Harrison) J O'Neill 9-10-8 P Niven 92
306 1P1P-8 CAROUSEL ROCKET 5 (D,F,G,S) (A Saccomando) M Hammond 10-10-1 C Grant 89
307 3P05-1 MAYORAN 50 (F,G,S) (Rod Hamilton) P Hobbs 9-10-0 C Maude 95
308 U3-664 CLONROCHE DRILLER 20 (G,S) (Mrs S Bramall) Mrs S Bramall 8-10-0 Mr D Parker (7) 87

Long handicap: Clonroche Driller 9-1

BETTING: 5-2 All Jeff, 3-1 Whaat Fettle, 7-2 Moorcroft Boy, 5-1 Mayoran, 8-1 Just So, 12-1 others.

1992: ALL JEFF 8-11-0 G Bradley (6-1) C Brooks 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

ALL JEFF 1½l 2nd of 6 to Padaventure in handicap chase here (3m 4f 110yd, good to soft). WHAAT FETTLE beat Piper O'Drummond neck in handicap chase at Kelso (3m 6f 110yd, good). JUST SO 23½l 5th to Lake Teerean in handicap chase at Exeter (2m 7f 110yd, good). MOORCROFT BOY 5l 2nd to Light Veneer in handicap chase at Warwick (3m 2f, good) BOREEN OWEN 4l 2nd to Gathering Time in amateur riders chase at Sedgefield (3m 3f, good) CAROUSEL ROCKET best effort last season when beating Funny Old Game 2½l in handicap chase at Carlisle (3m, good), with BOREEN OWEN (7lb better off) 20l 4th. MAYORAN beat Tri Folene ½l in amateur riders handicap chase at Cheltenham (3m 1f 110yd, good).
Selection: MOORCROFT BOY (nap)

1.50 E.B.F. NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (Qualifier: £2,145: 2m) (5 runners)

401 15-21 KONVEKTA KING 8 (D,F,S) (Konvekta Ltd) D Nicholson 5-11-5 A Maguire
402 COMEDIMAN (D Nicholson) D Nicholson 5-11-0 Mr G Hogan (7) –
403 0/5- FLINTERS 395 (Halewood Vintners Ltd) G Richards 6-11-0 M Moloney –
404 25- FULL OF FIRE 265 (J Gollow) G Richards 6-11-0 N Doughty –
405 0- WITH IMPUNITY 302 (Guest Bloodstock Co Ltd) N Twiston-Davies 4-11-0 C Llewellyn –

BETTING: 4-6 Konvekta King, 9-2 Full Of Fire, 5-1 Flinters, 6-1 With Impunity, 16-1 Comediman.

1992: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

KONVEKTA KING beat Mr Jervis 10l in novice hurdle at Huntingdon (2m, soft). FLINTERS 14l 5th to Asian in National Hunt Flat race at Carlisle (2m 1f, soft). FULL OF FIRE 20¾l 5th to My Rossini in National Hunt Flat race here (2m, good). WITH IMPUNITY over 40l 10th to Northern Rarity in National Hunt Flat race at Southwell (AW, 2m).
Selection: KONVEKTA KING

2.20 DRY BLACKTHORN CIDER NOVICES CHASE (£3,404: 2m 4f) (5 runners)

501 41-313 EASY BUCK 20 (F,G,S) (Burford Laundry Company Ltd) N Gaselee 6-11-4 C Maude
502 B53-P CHALIE RICHARDS 36 (Halewood Vintners Ltd) D McCain 6-11-0 C Llewellyn 88
503 2/21P- COULDNT BE BETTER 313 (S) (R Whitley) C Brooks 6-11-0 G Bradley –
504 B0B3/4 GREENFIELD MANOR 26 (N Chamberlain) N Chamberlain 6-11-0 T Reed 78
505 11F-52 WANDERWEG 15 (S) (J Fretwell) P Leach 5-11-0 H Davies 89

BETTING: Evens Easy Buck, 11-8 Couldnt Be Better, 5-1 Wanderweg, 10-1 others.

1992: MERE CLASS 6-11-0 G Bradley (7-1) C Brooks 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

EASY BUCK 12¾l 3rd to Baydon Star in grade II Hurst Park Novices Chase at Ascot (2m, good). CHALIE RICHARDS 1¾l 3rd to Mackinnon here (2m, good) on penultimate start. COULDNT BE BETTER beat Old Bridge head in 9-runner novice hurdle at Lingfield (2m 110yd, heavy) on penultimate start. GREENFIELD MANOR 8¾l 4th to Classic Contact at Ayr (2m 4f, good). WANDERWEG 7l 2nd to The Glow at Windsor (2m 5f, good).
Selection: EASY BUCK

2.50 BOSTON PIT VETERANS HANDICAP CHASE (£4,104: 2m 4f) (4 runners)

601 2124-2 WIDE BOY 65 (D,F,G,S) (M Popham) P Hobbs 11-11-10 A Maguire 97
602 33F411 GOOD FOR A LAUGH 22 (C,G,S) (Mrs S Bramall) Mrs S Bramall 9-11-5 Mr D Parker (7)
603 2-61F3 PINEMARTIN 21 (D,F,G) (Mrs A Martin) G Richards 10-10-8 N Leach (5) 97
604 /121P/ THE MALTKILN 721 (V,D,F,G,S) (M Homer) M Hammond 10-10-2 C Grant –

BETTING: 4-5 Good For A Laugh, 7-4 Wide Boy, 4-1 Pinemartin, 16-1 The Maltkiln

1992: RIFLE RANGE 9-11-0 P Niven (6-5 fav) J J O'Neill 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

WIDE BOY 8l 2nd to Dis Train in handicap chase at Newton Abbot (2m 5f, soft). GOOD FOR A LAUGH beat Last 'O' The Bunch 5l in handicap chase here (2m, good to soft). Previously beat same rival head in handicap chase here (2m, good). PINEMARTIN 20l 3rd of 5 to The Master Gunner in conditional jockeys handicap chase over course and distance (good to soft). Best effort when beating Deep Dawn ½l in handicap chase at Ayr (2m 4f, good).
Selection: GOOD FOR A LAUGH

3.20 WILLIAM HILL GOLDEN OLDIES STAKES (Round III: £1,551: 1m 4f) (12 runners)

1 0/1U5- COSMIC FORCE 383 (G) (Ms J Oliver) C Broad 9-12-0 Mike Gallemore –
2 680-00 MILL DE LEASE 58 (F,G) (S Leadbetter) J Dooler 8-12-0 Bob Davies –
3 305-12 MY SWAN SONG 22 (D,F,G) (B McGowan) J Smith 8-12-0 Peter Smith –
4 312F- NELTEGRITY 379 (S) (R Jones) T Caldwell 4-12-0 Michael Scudamore –
5 0-2523 TAUNTING 10 (B Oxton) S Coathup 5-12-0 Steven Coathup –
6 BIRD WATCHER 78F (Mrs E Newbould) M Hammond 4-11-10 Nigel Tinkler –
7 10/P-5 CASTELLANI 22 (V,F) (J Rothwell) M Eckley 8-11-10 Phil Tuck –
8 0 COME ON CHARLIE 21 (S Eaton) M Eckley 4-11-10 Jonjo O'Neill –
9 01004P GRAND RAPIDS 14 (G) (Gilberts Animal Feed Products) Miss S Wilton 6-11-10 Sue Wilton –
10 LEDLENE POKEY 804F (Mrs C Haigh) J Dooler 4-11-10 Ron Barry –
11 B631 MISSY-S 22 (G) (B Llewellyn) B Llewellyn 4-11-9 Peter Scudamore –
12 00P50- SAFE ARRIVAL 7F (Mrs E Dawson) P Evans 5-11-5 Charlie Fawcus –
13 3/342-0P MO ICHI DO 22 (B,F,G) (Miss S Wilton) Miss S Wilton 7-11-10 RESERVE –
14 PF00P MISTRESS BEE 13 (G Mason) S Coathup 4-11-9 RESERVE –

BETTING: 3-1 Missy-S, 4-1 My Swan Song, 5-1 Neltegrity, 7-1 Bird Watcher, 8-1 others.

1992: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

COSMIC FORCE beat North Bannister 2½l in 7-runner novice handicap hurdle at Bangor (2m 4f, good) last season. MY SWAN SONG beat Space Fair 1¾l in 12-runner National Hunt Flat Race at Uttoxeter (1m 4f, good), with MISSY-S head 3rd. NELTEGRITY 3¼l 2nd of 6 to Only A Rose in novice hurdle here (2m 4f, good to soft) on penultimate start. MISSY-S beat MY SWAN SONG 7l in 9-runner National Hunt Flat Race at Hereford (1m 5f, good), with GRAND RAPIDS 17l 4th and CASTELLANI 10l 5th.
Selection: MISSY-S

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
M Pipe	41	120	34.2	N Bentley	4	8	50.0
G Richards	36	112	32.1	N Doughty	61	171	35.7
D Nicholson	6	19	31.6	G Bradley	23	95	24.2
C Brooks	10	33	30.3	P Niven	15	81	18.5
Jimmy Fitzgerald	12	53	22.6	M Dwyer	33	197	16.8
G Moore	5	34	14.7	A Maguire	5	31	16.1

Nicholson runs two in weekend showpiece

DAVID Nicholson yesterday confirmed that he will have two runners in Saturday's £50,000-added Tripleprint Gold Cup at Cheltenham.

Another Coral, winner of the race last year, was given the go-ahead after working yesterday morning. He will join stablemate Second Schedual. Nicholson is confident that there will be no repeat of the irregular heartbeat which caused Another Coral to be pulled up on his only previous outing this season, at Newbury on November 27.

"Both horses worked superbly and we had Another Coral tested after his work and his heart was fine," he said. "Both horses definitely run and there are no worries about the ground." Nicholson's stable jockey Adrian Maguire will partner Second Schedual, with Warren Marston aboard Another Coral.

Rain is threatening to ruin the chances of ante-post favourite Egypt Mill Prince, and Second Schedual was heavily backed yesterday. William Hill cut him to 11-4 clear favourite, from 100-30, while pushing out Egypt Mill Prince to 3-1 from 5-2.

There was heavy rain at Cheltenham yesterday and more is forecast before the weekend, but the official going for the two-day meeting remains good.

King Credo, trained by Steve Woodman, is attracting the most interest for the Bula Hurdle, the main supporting race on Cheltenham's Saturday card. Following the confirmation that Adrian Maguire would take the mount in preference to Halkopous, William Hill cut King Credo's price to 13-8 (from 2-1), and eased Granville Again to 3-1 (from 5-2). They then bet: 7-2 Halkopous, 11-2 Staunch Friend, 10-1 Flakey Dove, 12-1 Muse, 25-1 Royal Derbi.

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THUNDERER
12.40 Sylvan Starlight. 1.10 French Charmer. 1.40 Arfey. 2.10 Mr Flutts. 2.40 Legal Beagle. 3.10 It's Delicious. 3.40 Shaarid.
Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.10 APARECIDA.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT SIS

12.40 CHARD SELLING HURDLE (£1,784: 2m 1f) (16 runners)

1 -F50 FEELING FOOLISH 28 (B) B Forsey 4-11-5 I Shoemark 77
2 F042 PRIVATE JET 20 (B) J Ffitch-Heyes 4-11-5 M Richards
3 -022 SAAHI 21 (BF) C Weedon 4-11-5 J Osborne 86
4 WHATEVER'S RIGHT 73F M Usher 4-11-5 B Powell –
5 0 LIZZIE DRIPPIN 20 M Usher 4-11-0 P Naughton (7) –
6 0 ESTHAL 14 R Hodges 3-10-5 R Dunwoody –
7 P005 IRISH DOMINION 6 P Leach 3-10-5 Guy Lewis (7) 88
8 JOGORAN W G M Turner 3-10-5 M A Fitzgerald –
9 5 SHARE A MOMENT 7F R Hollinshead 3-10-5 S Wynne (3) –
10 44U VENTURE PRINTS 14 S Cole 3-10-5 R Bellamy 93
11 P ADMIRED 22 P Murphy 3-10-0 D Matthews (5) –
12 0634 IS SHE QUICK 14 Mrs P Dutfield 3-10-0 P Holley 96
13 64 NANQUIDNO 37 Mrs J Retter 3-10-0 B Clifford 92
14 P NITA'S CHOICE 14 D R Tucker 3-10-0 R Darke (7) –
15 NYMPH ERRANT 23F S Knight 3-10-0 Mr N Moore (7) –
16 3 SYLVAN STARLIGHT 14 J Bradley 3-10-0 R Farrant (3) 98

4-1 Private Jet, 9-2 Sylvan Starlight, 5-1 Is She Quick, 11-2 Saahi, 13-2 Venture Prints, 7-1 Nanquidno, 10-1 Share A Moment, 12-1 others.

1.10 DUNSTER HANDICAP CHASE (£2,775: 2m 3f) (9)

1 422P SMARTIE EXPRESS 15 (F,G,S) R Hodges 11-12-0 M Fitzgerald
2 23-0 ANTI MATTER 19 (F,G,S) Mrs J Retter 8-11-10 Richard Guest 94
3 P53- LAUNDRYMAN 278 (C,G,S) M Bradstock 10-11-10 M Perrett 93
4 P55- PASTORAL PRIDE 246 (G,S) M Pipe 9-11-3 R Dunwoody –
5 12-5 MONTALINO 8 (F,G) G Humphrey 10-11-0 A Tory 94
6 P-6F SHANNON GLEN 28 (B,S) Mrs J Pitman 7-10-13 J Osborne 95
7 2-21 FRENCH CHARMER 13 (S) J Gifford 8-10-11 P Hide (3) 97
8 412- J J JIMMY 201 (D,F,G,S) S Christian 9-10-8 G Upton 97
9 56-P CASINO MAGIC 8 (D,F,G,S) J Spearing 9-10-1 W Marston 96

2-1 French Charmer, 4-1 Pastoral Pride, 5-1 Shannon Glen, Smartie Express, 8-1 Montalino, 12-1 J J Jimmy, 14-1 Anti Matter, 16-1 others.

1.40 MENDIP PLYWOOD NOVICES HURDLE (Div I: £2,064: 2m 1f) (14)

1 311 MATHAL 28 (CD,F,G) N Babbage 4-11-4 D Matthews (5) 97
2 2 ARFEY 15 T Thomson Jones 4-10-12 S Smith Eccles 86
3 BANDMASTER 79F J Ffitch-Heyes 4-10-12 M Richards –
4 24-0 BRIMPTON BERTIE 42 D Chappell 4-10-12 B Powell 87
5 P/0 EXECUTION ONLY 12 Mrs J Retter 5-10-12 Richard Guest –
6 5-60 GROG 47 S Sherwood 4-10-12 J Osborne
7 -R05 ROUTING 28 N Ayliffe 5-10-12 Guy Lewis (7) 76
8 26 SHIRLEY'S TRAIN 42 P Hobbs 4-10-12 M Hourigan 87
9 040- THE MILLWRIGHT 329 M Bradstock 6-10-12 M Perrett 83
10 40 VALIANTHE 10 (BF) M Pipe 5-10-12 R Dunwoody 87
11 0/ VERRO 12F J Bennett 6-10-12 R Greene –
12 40-U DAVES DELIGHT 57 Miss S Waterman 7-10-7 Mr G Shenkin (7) 75
13 PP TRADESPARK 22 A Williams 5-10-7 D Gallagher –
14 00- TRUSTINO 202 C Nash 5-10-7 W Marston –

9-4 Mathal, 3-1 Arfey, 9-2 Shirley's Train, 8-1 Bandmaster, 10-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: T Thomson Jones, 3 winners from 9 runners, 33.3%; M Pipe, 50 from 173, 28.9%; Mrs J Pitman, 3 from 12, 25.0%; Mrs J Retter, 6 from 44, 13.6%; P Hobbs, 9 from 71, 12.7%.

JOCKEYS: M Perrett, 8 winners from 30 rides, 26.7%; N Mann, 9 from 42, 21.4%; M Richards, 7 from 34, 20.6%; M Hourigan, 3 from 19, 15.8%; M A Fitzgerald, 12 from 85, 14.1%.

2.10 GAY SHEPPARD MEMORIAL HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,631: 3m 110yd) (11)

1 /18 FORTUNES WOOD 21 (B,S) T Thomson Jones 7-11-13 D Meade (7) 92
2 -410 FAR TOO LOUD 20 (BF,F,G,S) Mrs J Retter 6-11-5 B Clifford 90
3 -210 SPECIAL ACCOUNT 23 (CD,G,S) C Barwell 7-11-4 N Mann 90
4 5P-0 DUNCAN IDAHO 15 (C,D,G,S) R Callow 10-11-1 W McFarland
5 2-23 MR FLUTTS 9 (F) J Tuck 7-10-11 S McNeill 92
6 -F00 WINABUCK 10 (D,F,G,S) R Dickin 10-10-7 D Meredith (3) –
7 -03F SMILING CHIEF 21 (BF,G) R Hodges 5-10-2 R Dunwoody 88
8 62-3 POP SONG 23 (C,F,S) G Roe 9-10-0 P Holley –
9 /05 GROTIUS 22 (B,S) G Ham 9-10-0 R Bellamy 80
10 P51- SWEET GEORGE 279 (F) N Henderson 6-10-0 M A Fitzgerald 86
11 -P06 TROJAN ENVOY 20 (G) Mrs R Henderson 5-10-0 Mr W Henderson 92

7-2 Fortunes Wood, 4-1 Duncan Idaho, 6-1 Sweet George, Far Too Loud, 7-1 Mr Flutts, 8-1 Winabuck, 10-1 Smiling Chief, 14-1 Pop Song, 16-1 others.

2.40 STOKE ST MARY NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£2,879: 3m) (14)

1 2P-P HILL TRIX 23 K Bishop 7-12-0 A Tory 93
2 3-6P MICKEEN 50 (F,G) Mrs H Knight 6-11-7 J Osborne 98
3 /22- ALL FOR LUCK 230 (G,S) M Pipe 8-11-6 R Dunwoody 90
4 32F4 FROZEN DROP 14 G Balding 6-11-6 S Fox (7) 98
5 -PU4 LEGAL BEAGLE 15 (B,G,S) G Harwood 6-11-4 M Perrett 90
6 2-53 TAREESH 15 (G) K Bailey 6-11-0 S McNeill 92
7 0-45 PUNCHBAG 13 (G,S) G Ham 7-10-13 M A Fitzgerald 88
8 34U5 STAUNCH RIVAL 29 (G,S) G Thorner 6-10-13 R Farrant (3) 90
9 -353 ROAD TO FAME 27 D Gandolfo 6-10-13 P Holley
10 4-23 HAND OUT 14 R Buckler 9-10-11 B Powell 95
11 60-3 RUBINS BOY 10 (F) S Sherwood 7-10-9 M Richards 97
12 563F BUMPTIOUS BOY 14 (V,F) A J Wilson 9-10-8 D Bridgwater 97
13 -425 RIMANNA BAY 7 R Alner 6-10-4 P Carey (7) 95
14 5450 TRAIN ROBBER 7 W McKenzie-Coles 8-10-2 W Irvine 94

5-1 Tareesh, 6-1 Legal Beagle, 13-2 Bumptious Boy, 7-1 Frozen Drop, 10-1 All For Luck, Hand Out, Rubins Boy, Staunch Rival, 12-1 Rimanna Bay, Road To Fame, 16-1 others.

3.10 BICKNOLLER NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,742: 3m 110yd) (14)

1 P5-1 GORT 22 (G,S) Miss K Allison 5-11-11 J Leech 83
2 32-3 PLAYPEN 101 (F,S) R Frost 9-11-7 J Frost 81
3 -132 OK RECORDS 10 (D,G) M Williams 6-11-5 N Mann 80
4 00-1 OSMOSIS 55 (F,G) D Murray Smith 7-11-3 D Gallagher 80
5 F4-3 WOODLANDS BOY 20 T Etherington 5-11-0 A Thornton (3) 80
6 423- APSIMORE 259 J Tuck 6-11-0 S McNeill 89
7 /02- LANSDOWNE 397 G Ham 5-10-11 B Powell 80
8 0/5 IT'S DELICIOUS 14 Mrs T Pilkington 7-10-10 D Bridgwater 80
9 /P-5 RIVER STREAM 37 L Cottrell 6-10-9 M A Fitzgerald –
10 P-06 APARECIDA 10 T Hallett 7-10-8 N Isaac (7)
11 P-56 BORRETO 10 C James 9-10-7 Mr E James (7) 80
12 3P-0 OH SO WINDY 24 Mrs A King 6-10-7 R Dunwoody 80
13 0404 MARINERS COVE 14 R Bevington 5-10-4 W Humphreys 83
14 -54U ALICE SMITH 9 B Eckley 6-10-1 W McFarland 87

7-2 Osmosis, 4-1 Aparecida, 5-1 Apsimore, 13-2 Gort, 8-1 Playpen, OK Records, 12-1 Lansdowne, 16-1 others.

3.40 MENDIP PLYWOOD NOVICES HURDLE (Div II: £2,064: 2m 1f) (14)

1 00- ACHIEVED AMBITION 231 M Williams 5-10-12 N Mann –
2 P0-R CORPUS 6 R Hodges 4-10-12 R Dunwoody –
3 0 COURAGEOUS KNIGHT 10 J Bradley 4-10-12 R Farrant (3) –
4 00-0 DEVIL'S CORNER 10 H Webb 5-10-12 M Bosley –
5 5- FRIENDLY FELLOW 257 D Elsworth 4-10-12 P Holley –
6 45 NOEL 89 J O'Shea 4-10-12 M A Fitzgerald 69
7 /P-6 ROAD TO AU BON 15 R Baker 5-10-12 L Harvey –
8 25-3 SHAARID 15 I Balding 5-10-12 B Powell
9 50 SNICKERSNEE 7 K Bishop 5-10-12 W Marston –
10 00 SO AUDACIOUS 15 N Gaselee 5-10-12 R Supple –
11 P- UNCERTAIN 408 M Pipe 5-10-12 L Reynolds (7) –
12 WILKINS 167F Miss H Knight 4-10-12 J Osborne –
13 MYSTICAL MISTRAL G Roe 6-10-7 D Gallagher –
14 U ROXY RIVER 14 J Spearing 4-10-7 Mr M Rimell (7) 89

11-8 Shaarid, 4-1 Friendly Fellow, 11-2 Wilkins, 10-1 Roxy River, 12-1 others.

FAKENHAM

THUNDERER
12.30 Ruth's Gamble. 1.00 Nagobelia. 1.30 Cool And Easy. 2.00 Crooked Counsel. 2.30 Bollinger. 3.00 Arany.

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO SOFT IN PLACES) SIS

12.30 FITZWILLIAM SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,977: 2m 110yd) (14 runners)

1 015-6 RARPY'S DREAM 47 (D,G) J Banks 5-11-13 S Keightley
2 6-5F DALLISTON 19 (D,S) Mrs P Sly 7-11-11 A Carroll
3 3/F-F PINECONE PETER 8 (F,S) O Brennan 6-11-6 M Brennan
4 F320 WEEKDAY CROSS 32 (CD,BF,G) J Jenkins 5-10-11 J Railton
5 F23 BASSIO 13 (H) C Allen 4-10-9 J Ryan
6 330- EARLY BREEZE 217 (D,F,G) P Evans 7-10-7 Leanne Eldredge (7)
7 2-60 TRISTAN'S COMET 13 (D,BF,G) J Harris 6-10-3 B Dalton
8 -124 RUTH'S GAMBLE 20 (V,CD,G) Mrs L Jewell 5-10-0 N Williamson
9 2F-F BARCHAM 20 (D,S) D Wilson 6-10-0 D Murphy
10 6-P3 MILL BURN 19 (B) I Campbell 4-10-0 R Campbell
11 -020 STYLISH GENT 52 (D,F,G) P Clarke 6-10-0 I Lawrence
12 0-00 GREEN'S TRILOGY 15 K Clutterbuck 5-10-0 M Ahern
13 6P-5 SINGING GOLD 64 (D,S) H Sawyer 7-10-0 R Davis (3)
14 UPP0 HADLEIGHS CHOICE 45 J Mooney 6-10-0 M Robinson

9-2 Bassio, 6-1 Weekday Cross, 7-1 Rarpy's Dream, Ruth's Gamble, 10-1 others.

1.00 EASTERN DAILY PRESS NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,819: 2m 5f) (5)

1 -641 NAGOBELIA 8 (S) J Pearce 5-12-0 P Hide (3)
2 -232 GORTEERA 28 O Brennan 7-11-5 M Brennan
3 P/43 EMALLEN 6 Mrs L Jewell 5-10-2 N Williamson
4 5D-P5 MILLIE 19 J Mooney 6-10-0 M Robinson
5 P-PP ROYAL BATTLE 27 Mrs J Bloom 5-10-0 R Davis (3)

6-11 Gorteera, 9-4 Nagobelia, 6-1 Emallen, 20-1 Millie, 50-1 Royal Battle.

1.30 STEPHENSON SMART HANDICAP CHASE (£3,371: 3m) (5)

1 4511 STAY ON TRACKS 13 (D,F) Mrs Haine 11-12-0 Mr N King (7)
2 0-3P SINGLESOLE 16 (CD,F,G,S) Mrs P Sly 8-11-3 A Carroll
3 -222 DUO DROM 14 (V,CD,BF,G) Mrs D Haine 8-10-2 N Williamson
4 24-3 COOL AND EASY 27 (D,S) J Gifford 7-10-0 D Murphy
5 -340 CALL ME EARLY 7 (G) O Brennan 8-10-0 M Brennan

6-4 Stay On Tracks, 9-4 Duo Drom, 7-2 Cool And Easy, 10-1 Singlesole, 15-1 Call Me Early.

2.00 L L FIRTH MEMORIAL HANDICAP CHASE (£3,355: 2m 110yd) (6)

1 -505 MR JAMBOREE 15 (D,F,G) J Gifford 7-12-0 D Murphy
2 2041 DRIVING FORCE 7 (B,CD,F,G,S) Mrs M McCourt 7-11-11 (4ex) R Davis (5)
3 23/1 CROOKED COUNSEL 15 (D,G) K Bailey 7-10-10 N Williamson
4 66P0 SANDMOOR PRINCE 14 (D,F,G) Dr P Pritchard 10-10-3 Dr P Pritchard
5 -14P RUSTIC GENT 8 (D,F) Mrs L Jewell 5-10-0 S Hodgson
6 25-5 PETMER 8 (S) K Burke 6-10-0 T Jenks (5)

11-8 Driving Force, 7-4 Crooked Counsel, 4-1 Mr Jamboree, 5-1 Sandmoor Prince, 16-1 Rustic Gent, 20-1 Petmer.

2.30 COTTESMORE NOVICES CHASE (£2,397: 2m 5f 110yd) (6)

1 4-21 UNHOLY ALLIANCE 16 (F,G,S) K Bailey 6-11-10 N Williamson
2 36-2 BOLLINGER 16 (F,G,S) J Gifford 7-11-2 D Murphy
3 /PF HICKELTON HOUSE 9 Miss G Kelleway 9-11-2 A Bates (5)
4 1-20 WINGS OF FREEDOM 10 (F) J Jenkins 5-11-2 J Railton
5 00F4 KEV'S LASS 8 (S) F Murphy 5-10-11 P Murphy (7)
6 3000 STROKED AGAIN 43 (F) B Richmond 8-10-11 D Telfer

6-4 Bollinger, 9-4 Unholy Alliance, 4-1 Wings Of Freedom, 7-1 Kev's Lass, 20-1 Hickelton House, 50-1 Stroked Again.

3.00 FAKENHAM RACECOURSE CARAVAN SITE HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,640: 2m 110yd) (9)

1 2484 CHILD OF THE MIST 8 (CD,G,S) John Whyte 7-12-0 N Williamson
2 330- REGGAE BEAT 220F (CD,F,G) I Campbell 8-11-8 R Campbell
3 4P2- VICTORY ANTHEM 192 (D,G) P Clarke 7-10-10 I Lawrence
4 222F ILEWIN 30 (CD,BF,F,G) M Muggeridge 6-10-9 M Ahern
5 1-20 ARANY 15 (D,BF,S) M Tompkins 6-10-7 D Murphy
6 5-46 LOCAL FLYER 30 (D,G) J Banks 4-10-3 S Keightley
7 0343 NORTHERN TRIAL 20 (V,BF) K Burke 5-10-2 T Jenks (5)
8 0P-1 CARDINAL BIRD 20 (B,D,S) S Mellor 6-10-0 Chris Webb (7)
9 51-3 BABY ASHLEY 20 (D,G) D Morris 7-10-0 R Davis (3)

11-4 Ilewin, 7-2 Child Of The Mist, 4-1 Arany, 9-2 Baby Ashley, Reggae Beat, 13-2 Northern Trial, 7-1 Cardinal Bird, 10-1 Victory Anthem, 12-1 Local Flyer

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: K Bailey, 4 winners from 16 runners, 25.0%; M Tompkins, 3 from 14, 21.4%; Mrs D Haine, 4 from 20, 20.0%; J Jenkins, 8 from 42, 19.0%, only qualifiers.

JOCKEYS: D Murphy, 5 winners from 21 rides, 23.8%; N Williamson, 4 from 19, 21.1%; M Ahern, 3 from 15, 20.0%; A Carroll, 4 from 28, 14.3%, only qualifiers.

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S THREE MEETINGS

Haydock Park

Going: soft

12.20 (2m hdle) 1, VASILIEV (C Grant, 10-1); 2, Aljadeer (M Dwyer, 9-2); 3, Cumbrian Challenge (L Wyer, 9-1). ALSO RAN: 5-2 fav Moal Garden (pu), 7-2 Cool Luke (4th), 15-2 Thistle Princess, 9 Jomove, 10 Vanart (5th), 20 Media Messenger (6th), Sie Amato, 25 Claudia Miss (pu), 33 Angel Falling, 50 Lazy Rhythm (pu), Tolls Choice (f). 14 ran. 2l, 2½l, 8l, 2½l, 10l. M Hammond at Middleham. Tote: £10.10; £2.70, £2.30, £4.80. DF: £48.00. CSF: £58.22.

12.50 (2m hdle) 1, IT'S THE PITS (F Perrett, 10-1); 2, Wee Wizard (A Dobbin, 4-1); 3, Timur's King (D Forth, 16-1). ALSO RAN: 9-4 fav Richardson (6th), 7 Dancing Dove, Kalko (f), Stylus (4th), 8 Personal Hazard (5th), 14 Brook Cottage, Ringland, 16 In Truth. 11 ran. 6l, 3l, ¾l, 20l, hd. L Lungo at Carrutherstown. Tote: £7.40; £2.30, £1.60, £3.30. DF: £19.50. Trio: £115.10. CSF: £52.39. Tricast: £611.37.

1.20 (3m ch) 1, ONE MAN (N Doughty, 5-6 fav); 2, Lo Stregone (M Dwyer, 11-10); 3, Crown Eyeglass (R Garritty, 33-1). ALSO RAN: 33 King's Ranty (4th). 4 ran. 3½l, dist, 2l. G Richards at Greystoke. Tote: £1.80. DF: £1.70. CSF: £1.99.

1.50 (3m ch) 1, GAMBLING ROYAL (A Maguire, 7-2); 2, Plenty Crack (B Storey, 33-1); 3, Very Very Ordinary (R Supple, 9-2). ALSO RAN: 8-15 fav Whispering Steel (ur). 4 ran. 12l, dist. D Nicholson at Temple Guiting. Tote: £4.10. DF: £22.80. CSF: £33.20.

2.20 (2m 4f hdle) 1, BOLLIN WILLIAM (L Wyer, 13-8 fav); 2, Deb's Ball (D J Moffatt, 5-1); 3, Jimmy Jack (M Dwyer, 9-2). ALSO RAN: 5 High Altitude (pu), Winnie The Witch (5th), 8 Precious Boy (4th). 6 ran. NR: Avro Anson. 20l, ¾l, 30l, dist. M H Easterby at Malton. Tote: £2.60; £1.80, £2.90. DF: £6.70. CSF: £9.94.

2.50 (2m ch) 1, LAST 'O' THE BUNCH (N Doughty, Evens); 2, Viking Flagship (A Maguire, 5-6 fav). 2 ran. 3l. G Richards at Greystoke. Tote: £1.70.

3.20 (2m 7f 110yd hdle) 1, LINKSIDE (A Maguire, 5-1); 2, Northants (R Hodge, 10-1); 3, Peanuts Pet (R Garritty, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 11-4 fav Bollin Magdalene (pu), 6 Heliopsis (4th), Trump, 7 Mythical Storm (6th), Only A Rose (f), 9 Oriel Dream (pu), 10 Wishing Gate, 14 The Demon Barber (5th), 33 Captain My Captain, Noddle (pu). 13 ran. NR: Arctic Oats, Montagnard. Sh hd, 4l, 15l, 20l, 2½l. M Meagher at Ormskirk. Tote: £5.40; £2.10, £2.20, £7.50. DF: £33.60. Trio: £732.70. CSF: £59.55. Tricast: £840.25.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £5,327.69 carried forward to Haydock Park today).

Placepot: £722.50.

Worcester

Going: heavy

12.30 (2m 2f hdle) 1, Rocky Bay (Mr J Llewellyn, 100-30); 2, Busman (8-15 fav); 3, Hinton Lady (5-1). 5 ran. 3l, dist. B Llewellyn. Tote: £4.00; £1.00, £2.10. DF: £2.00. CSF: £5.23.

1.00 (2m 4f 110yd ch) 1, Barely Black (W Humphreys, 50-1); 2, Tekla (33-1); 3, Peaceman (3-1). Andrew's First 11-4 fav. 18 ran. 1½l, 10l. N Babbage. Tote: £36.60; £5.20, £16.70, £2.90. DF: £371.80. CSF: £1,002.68.

1.30 (3m hdle) 1, Topping Tom (C Llewellyn, 11-4 fav); 2, Castle Court (4-1); 3, Kingon (11-2). 14 ran. NR: Madam Picasso. 8l, 5l. N Twiston-Davies. Tote: £4.00; £1.50, £3.00, £1.70. DF: £10.20. CSF: £14.16.

2.00 (2m ch) 1, Mr Felix (B Powell, 9-2); 2, Pnatimay (16-1); 3, Persian Sword (Evens fav). 5 ran. NR: L'Uomo Piu. 2l, 1½l. R Champion. Tote: £6.10; £2.30, £3.40. DF: £78.50. CSF: £42.53.

2.30 (2m 5f 110yd hdle) 1, Arctic Course (W Marston, 8-11 fav); 2, Smith's Band (14-1); 3, Calleroae (12-1). 14 ran. 1¾l, 10l. D Nicholson. Tote: £1.80; £1.10, £2.40, £1.90. DF: £17.50. CSF: £11.58.

3.00 (2m 7f ch) 1, Midnight Caller (J Osborne 2-1 jt-fav); 2, Camelot Knight (2-1 jt-fav); 3, Thamesdown Tootsie (12-1). 8 ran. NR: Matt Reid, Sirrah Jay. 2l, dist. S Sherwood. Tote: £2.20; £1.40, £2.20, £1.10. DF: £3.40. Trio: £16.20. CSF: £6.40. Tricast: £32.89.

3.30 (2m flat) 1, Red Parade (R Davis, 13-2); 2, St Mellion Fairway (20-1); 3, Duques (20-1). The Bargeman 4-1 fav. 21 ran. NR: Nethermill. 3l, 10l. D Barons. Tote: £8.70; £2.50, £3.30, £5.80. DF: £104.70. CSF: £142.08.

Placepot: £114.40.

Lingfield Park

Going: standard

12.40 (7f) 1, Pink Brief (J Williams, 9-4 jt-fav); 2, Royal Crest (9-4 jt-fav); 3, Doctor James (6-1). 8 ran. ½l, 3½l. D Elsworth. Tote: £3.40; £1.30, £1.40, £1.80. DF: £5.90. CSF: £8.19.

1.10 (1m 2f) 1, Lookingforarainbow (M Wigham, 9-4 fav); 2, Awesome Power (8-1); 3, Spring Flyer (5-2). 14 ran. 2½l, 5l. Bob Jones. Tote: £2.80; £1.40, £2.10, £1.70. DF: £5.90. CSF: £22.47.

1.40 (1m 5f) 1, Arctic Guest (K Rutter, 10-1); 2, Head Turner (100-30); 3, Broughtons Formula (7-1). Strat's Legacy 3-1 fav. 14 ran. NR: Kapuchka. ½l, 1½l. C Smith. Tote: £8.40; £3.50, £1.90, £2.20. DF: £37.10. Trio: £158.10. CSF: £45.63. Tricast: £243.23.

2.10 (6f) 1, Riskie Things (N Adams, 20-1); 2, Warwick Warrior (8-1); 3, Just Greenwich (4-1 jt-fav). World Traveller 4-1 jt-fav. 12 ran. nk, 1½l. J Moore. Tote: £31.50; £4.40, £3.00, £1.90. DF: £190.50. Trio: £201.40. CSF: £162.61. Tricast: £714.75.

2.40 (5f) 1, Patsy Grimes (Mark Denaro, 12-1); 2, Apollo Red (12-1); 3, Not So Generous (11-8 fav). 9 ran. NR: Batting Bella. ½l, ½l. M Muggeridge. Tote: £17.80; £3.30, £2.90, £1.60. DF: £27.10. Trio: £57.90. CSF: £132.96. Tricast: £297.69.

3.10 (1m) 1, Master Beveled (S Sanders, 3-1 fav); 2, Wave Hill (6-1); 3, Salbyng (13-2). 12 ran. Nk, 3½l. P Evans. Tote: £5.60; £1.10, £4.30, £2.60. DF: £23.80. Trio: £24.10. CSF: £23.41. Tricast: £109.75.

Placepot: £474.70.

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Rutherford plots one-day tale of the unexpected



Rutherford: positive

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

KEN Rutherford, the New Zealand captain, said yesterday he would use unorthodox tactics during his team's matches against South Africa and Australia in the World Series Cup cricket tournament. The triangular competition starts today when Australia and South Africa meet in Melbourne.

Rutherford, whose team plays South Africa at the Adelaide Oval on Saturday, said the opposition should "expect the unexpected". In doing so, he indicated he would follow the example set by Martin Crowe, who used unusual tactics in leading New Zealand to the semi-finals of the 1992 World Cup.

Crowe used the off spinner, Dipak Patel, as an opening bowler and the aggressive middle-order batsmen, Rod Latham and Mark Greatbatch, as openers during the World Cup. "We have tried to be innovative over the past four years in the way we have played our one-day cricket and if the resources are there to allow us to continue to play that way then I'm sure we will," Rutherford, who assumed the captaincy when Crowe was injured during the recent Test series against Australia, said.

"Coach Geoff Howarth and myself will sit down for a chat about things and try to make the best of the resources we have. If that includes the odd unorthodox tactic, then so be it. I think the positive theme of one-day cricket will help our game, because the batsmen probably haven't been as successful as we would have liked during the Test series."

New Zealand, beaten 2-0 in the series, lost the last two matches by an innings. "The one-day game gives us an opportunity to be more expressive and play our shots, and hopefully that's the way our guys will go about it," Rutherford said.

South Africa, without the injured all-rounder, Brian McMillan, today, have learnt that he will also miss the first two Test matches of the series against Australia after having a lateral cartilage removed from his knee. McMillan fell heavily while bowling against Victoria on Sunday. South Africa lost both their opening tour matches and Allan Border, the Australia captain, said he was keen to keep the pressure on them."Sometimes the one-day game can turn things around on you," Border said. "It happened for the West Indies last year when they had struggled and then won the last couple of Tests. We have to make sure we keep playing well."

Australia were coy about the one-day role they intended for Shane Warne, the leg spinner who took 18 wickets in the Test series against New Zealand. Border had said he wanted to keep Warne under wraps for the three-match Test series against South Africa, rather than allowing the touring side to become familiar with his repertoire. However, Bobby Simpson, the Australia coach, confirmed he was in the 13-man squad.

Warne was not giving anything away yesterday. "I don't know what's going to happen," he said. "I've only played one one-day game for Australia and three or four for Victoria so I don't know that much about one-day cricket. I understand why Allan wants to keep me out of the side."

Simpson was critical of the state of the practice wickets at the MCG, saying they were not good enough for the country's premier ground. "They tell me they have drainage problems here but it's an international ground and it's the only ground where we have these problems," Simpson said. His comments came in the wake of criticism of the MCG surface on Tuesday, with one South African saying it resembled a beach.

Bassett now believes Premiership race over

BY KEITH PIKE

DAVE Bassett has joined the growing number of people who believe Manchester United have as good as won the FA Carling Premiership with less than half the programme completed.

After watching his Sheffield United team beaten 3-0 at Bramall Lane on Tuesday, a result that took Manchester United 15 points clear of Leeds United, Bassett said: "I have my doubts whether anyone can catch them now. I don't think anybody has the quality. United can even afford to have a bad spell and lose four or five games and still be right up there.

"I hope it isn't all over and that's not being anti-Manchester United. It's just that if it gets that way too quickly, people can lose interest. United have great quality and skill but also resilience and steel. That's the hallmark of any great side."

Ladbrokes, the bookmaker, has said it will not take any more bets on United winning the championship, while William Hill is offering odds of 7-1 on. Steve Bruce, the Manchester United captain, said: "They are usually good judges and I hope they are this time, too." His manager, though, would not be drawn. "The important thing for us is to keep on doing our own job and not worry about the others or anything else," Alex Ferguson said.

"We have an exciting period coming up with Newcastle United away on Saturday and then Blackburn Rovers to look forward to, so December is going to be an interesting month for us. But we have done our job and the team are starting to enjoy it."

United, unbeaten in 17 games in all competitions, owed their victory to goals from Cantona, Sharpe and Hughes. Roy Keane, who had missed the previous five games because of injury, began his combeack as a second-half substitute.

Paul Beesley, the Sheffield United defender, who was taken off on a stretcher midway through the second half after being injured in a collision with Peter Schmeichel, the Manchester United goalkeeper, was detained in hospital overnight suffering from concussion.

At the other end of the table, Oldham Athletic continued their improved recent form with a 2-1 win over Swindon Town, the bottom club, at Boundary Park. They have taken seven points from their last three games.

Oldham owed victory to Steve Redmond's first goal for the club, a fine shot from 20 yards six minutes from time. Rick Holden had given them the lead, with Andy Mutch scoring his first goal in 12 matches to give Swindon hope of a rare away point.

Sean McCarthy, Oldham's £500,000 signing from Bradford City, will be out for three weeks after suffering a thigh strain 22 minutes into his home debut.

Portsmouth moved up to sixth place in the first division of the Endsleigh Insurance League with a 2-0 success over Watford in front of 8,242 spectators, the lowest crowd of the season at Fratton Park.

Paul Furlong, returning to the Watford team after serving a seven-match suspension, missed several good chances before Portsmouth won with goals from John Durnin, the forward, and Guy Butters, a substitute.

West Bromwich Albion ended a run of six successive away defeats by drawing 1-1 with Bolton Wanderers at Burnden Park. Albion took the lead through Hunt with just three minutes to go but conceded an equaliser within 60 seconds to Coyle.

A pre-match power failure embarrassed Wolverhampton Wanderers as the Midlands club celebrated the completion of the £15 million redevelopment of Molineux.

Wolves had invited Honved, the Hungarian club that played a televised floodlit match with them 39 years ago, to return for the evening but the showpiece facilities were barely visible as the lights went out an hour before the scheduled start. The match kicked off 15 minutes late and the ground was in semi-darkness for most of the first half.

The problem also left Billy Wright and Ferenc Puskas, two of the leading players in 1954, in the shadows as they joined the festivities in front of a sell-out crowd of more than 28,000. They were eventually rewarded by some enterprising, if leisurely, football, with the match ending 1-1.

Paul Wood scored a 69th-minute winner for an injury-hit Bournemouth side against Port Vale, the second division promotion hopefuls. Steve Cotterill put Bournemouth ahead after 19 minutes but John Jeffers equalised in the 62nd minute.

Ivor Powell, the former Wales international, now 77, is to be awarded an honorary Master of Arts degree by the University of Bath. Capped eight times, Powell played most of his football with Queens Park Rangers and Aston Villa before becoming player-manager at Port Vale and Bradford City.

Chiefs no longer rule their land

Andrew Longmore in Johannesburg finds South Africa's leading football club struggling to retain its status



Tovey is looking to a brighter future for South Africa's emerging footballers. Photograph: Phil O'Brien

The Rand Stadium was nearly deserted as the Kaiser Chiefs went through the motions in the last match of a disappointing season. For the past two decades, the Chiefs have combined a Liverpudlian tradition of success with the glamour of Manchester United, but a crowd of no more than 3,000 in a stadium that can seat 65,000, watching a desultory 1-0 defeat by QwaQwa Stars, bore eloquent testimony to their supporters' disenchantment. For the first time since 1973, the Chiefs have not won a trophy.

Over the past season, the Chiefs have found that the end to South Africa's isolation has been a mixed blessing. Many of their best players have been lured overseas and the development programmes are not yet well enough established or coordinated to ensure a steady supply of home-grown talent to take their places.

Though football is the national game of the black people and attracts strong sponsorship, the national league is still semi-professional in terms of finance, chaotically amateur in its administration. Last week, the BobSave Super Bowl, the equivalent of the FA Cup, was won by a team beaten in the semi-finals, then reinstated after their opponents had been disqualified for falsifying a player's passport.

While Nigeria and Cameroon, with smaller populations and weaker leagues, will be in the United States next summer, South Africa failed to qualify for either the World Cup finals or the African nations' cup. If that sounds a familiar failing, one of the causes has a well-worn ring to it too.

"We have too many clubs and too long a season," Neil Tovey, the captain of the Chiefs and the national side, said. "At the moment, we have a one-month break before we start training again next January. After 13 seasons in the league, playing 65 games a year, it can get monotonous."

There are other more pressing reasons for South Africa's spectacular under-achievement at football: "Through our period of isolation, we had no exposure to other styles and good coaches. There is so much talent in the townships it's frightening, but because of lack of organisation, players aren't being picked up early enough and so players who are 22 are really only 16 in their footballing development."

The key, according to Tovey, who runs his own development programme in the Alexandra township, is to combine black skill with white endeavour. Of the 22 players and three officials at the Rand Stadium, three were white and all had authority: the referee, Tovey and the Chiefs' coach, Geoff Hudson.

The English game is followed avidly, with live games televised on Saturday afternoons and Monday nights and a massive number of column inches devoted to the groin strains of the FA Carling Premiership, yet any similarity between Arsenal v Tottenham Hotspur on Monday night and Chiefs v QwaQwa Stars was purely coincidentale. Both the South African teams played with a sweeper and the lazy, staccato rhythm of the South Americans. The tackling was robust bordering on the cynical, the theatricals early-Germanic, the teamwork non-existent, the commitment low, the athleticism natural, the individual skill instinctive.

Even such a dull affair was lit up by flashes of brilliance as spectacular as the lightning which cracked the horizon for much of the night. One of the first passes of the game, by the Chiefs' right back, was essayed with a balletic, cross-legged shuffle, a beautiful but quite unnecessary frill. No wonder George Graham and Alex Ferguson left the continent after their pre-season tours with Arsenal and Manchester United open-mouthed with astonishment. If Lee Dixon tried such a stunt, he would be suspended for life.

Unfortunately, midfield self-confidence turned into panic-stricken incompetence in front of goal. "They want to do everything, dribble round five defenders, score, make the crowd go mad, be the star. It's natural and we don't want to lose that," Tovey said. "But we've got to have the discipline and the teamwork as well. It will come, but it might take ten or 12 years before we have got the balance right."

In the absence of top-class coaches, Tovey encourages raids from overseas clubs to speed up the process of education and to generate hard cash, even if that means weakening the national side and his own Kaiser Chiefs. "We have plenty of players like Peter Ndlovu [of Coventry City] here. There is so much potential, it just needs to be fostered and guided."

Cousins in happier frame of mind for title defence

BY JOHN HENNESSY

NOT until this week was it realised how close the British figure skating champion had come to pulling out of the sport. On the eve of defending his title for the fourth time at Basingstoke, Steven Cousins said that he had lost all interest in the sport last March.

Coming from a man whose general character is based on a love of life, reflected in his remarkable crowd appeal, this was a striking confession.

After learning his craft under the eye of Donna Gateley at the Deeside rink, he moved to the United States to join Alex McGowan, a British trainer in Sun Valley, Idaho. All seemed set fair for a big advance.

McGowan, in his youth a Butlin redcoat, carried the aura of having guided Debi Thomas, of the United States, to the world title in 1986 in Geneva, where they dethroned the "queen", Katarina Witt, now the focus of so much attention again.

Sun Valley, well known to film goers for the appearance there before the war of Sonja Henie and Glenn Miller, offered the further advantage of regular ice shows, so that Cousins came to share the spotlight with such outstanding skaters as Brian Boitano and Brian Orser and became accustomed, too, to skating in front of a big audience.

Personality differences, as common in skating as in other sports, gradually drove a wedge between Cousins and McGowan, culminating in a wretched and uncharacteristic performance in the world championships in Prague in March. With marks in the free skating plunging as low as 4.6, he was 21st in that element and eighteenth overall. Whereas he would have expected to make substantial progress since 1992, he fell two places.

"I completely lost motivation after Prague," he said. "On the ice, I felt I was working against Alex instead of with him. And when he went back to San Fransisco [where McGowan was previously based], things kept going wrong. It was a small rink in a shopping mall with no other skaters to measure myself against." A month of that was as much as Cousins could take.

The recommendation of a friend enabled him to conquer his depression and he is now happily established at Baillie, near Toronto, under the tutilage of Doug Leigh, a renowned Canadian trainer, among others. Their principal goal is a mastery of the triple axel, without which, these days, men seem to be regarded as second-class citizens.

Cardiff date for Havard title contest

FLOYD Havard's International Boxing Federation (IBF) super-featherweight title challenge against Juan Molina, of Puerto Rico, was confirmed yesterday to take place January 22, at the National Sports Centre, Cardiff.

Havard's chance, virtually from nowhere, has come after a long absence from the ring with hand trouble. He beat Harry Escott in March of last year and was out until meeting Escott again at York Hall, Bethnal Green, last week, when he won on points.

There was a possibilty that Frank Maloney, the promoter, might have had to take the bout to either Atlantic City or Puerto Rico, but he has managed to secure home advantage for the Swansea southpaw. "I'm pleased to have the chance to go for this title before my fellow countrymen," Havard said.

Maloney's close-connections with Dan Duva's New York-based Main Events organisation, which handles the affairs of Molina, has clearly been influential in finalising the contest.

However, Havard, 28, who has 26 career wins and one defeat, has never mixed in such class. Molina, nicknamed John John, competed for Puerto Rico in the 1984 Olympics and was voted "Athlete of the Year" in 1985 after taking the gold medal in the World Amateur championships.

As a result, Main Events took on Molina, 28, with a $100,000 signing-on fee. He won the vacant World Boxing Organisation title in April, 1989, and beat Tony Lopez in a one-sided contest to land the IBF crown six months later.

Deportivo spurn advantage

BY KEITH PIKE

DEPORTIVO La Coruña, who knocked Aston Villa out of the Uefa Cup in the second round, have been eliminated themselves. A 1-0 win in Spain on Tuesday night earned Eintracht Frankfurt a 2-0 aggregate third-round victory.

The Germans' goal came from Gaudino after 15 minutes, and they held on comfortably despite having Bindewald sent off after 75 minutes for a second bookable offence.

Bobby Robson, the former England manager now in charge of Sporting Lisbon, saw his side squander a 2-0 first-leg lead and go out 3-2 on aggregate to Casino Salzburg. The Austrians had Garger sent off in the 89th minute, but won the tie in extra time with a goal by the substitute, Martin Amerhauser.

Bordeaux also had a player sent off as they were beaten 3-0 by Karlsruhe in Germany to lose 3-1 on aggregate, while Boavista, of Portugal, cruised through to the quarter-finals with a 6-1 aggregate victory over OFI Crete.

A weakened Milan arrived in Tokyo yesterday to prepare for the Inter-continental Cup match against São Paulo, the holders and Brazilian champions, on Sunday.

Milan, replacing Marseilles for the annual match between the European and South American champions, had to leave behind several injured players, including Marco van Batsen, the Dutch striker, Brian Laudrup, the Danish midfiel player, Zvonimir Boban, their Croatian striker, and Italian internationals Marco Simone, Stefano Eranio, GianLuigi Lentini and Angelo Carbone.

Fabio Capello, the Milan coach, said he believed he had sufficiently talented replacements to win the game. South American teams have won the title 18 times compared to 13 triumphs by European sides.

Roberto Baggio, of Juventus, Dennis Bergkamp, of Internazionale, and Romario, of Barcelona, are the three contenders for Fifa's player-of-the-year award.

Fry considers Birmingham offer

BY KEITH PIKE

BARRY Fry, the manager of Southend United, yesterday had talks with David Sullivan, the Birmingham City owner, who wants him to succeed Terry Cooper in the managerial chair at St Andrews. No decision has been reached, but Fry will discuss the situation today with Vic Jobson, the Southend chairman.

"I'm going to talk with Southend again because that is what I promised, but I'd like to think I will have the chance of reawakening a slumbering giant like Birmingham City," Fry said.

Sullivan said yesterday that whoever got the job would be the best-paid manager in the first division: "Only about six or seven people in the Premier League would earn more," Sullivan said. "We are offering our next manager a six-figure salary with considerable bonuses on top."

The Football Association has expressed its concern over the decision by Barnet, Fry's former club, to switch their FA Cup third-round tie against Chelsea from Underhill to Stamford Bridge. Essential safety work at Underhill has not yet been carried out and the capacity has been restricted this season to 4,070.

"We agreed reluctantly to the switch, but were surprised a club of second division status was unable to stage a tie of this nature," Steve Clark, of the FA competitions department, said. "The views of the police are always paramount when safety and public order issues are concerned.

"The Challenge Cup committee will be considering the fact that a club in the second division of the Football League is unable to stage a home tie in the third round proper at their next meeting.

"We appreciate clubs from outside the Football League may not possess adequate facilities to stage a tie like this, but maybe the FA and the Football League will have to look at Barnet's facilities."

Bryan Ayres, the Barnet secretary, said: "We consulted with the police and it was decided, in the best interests of everyone, if we asked the FA if they would agree to this match being played elsewhere."

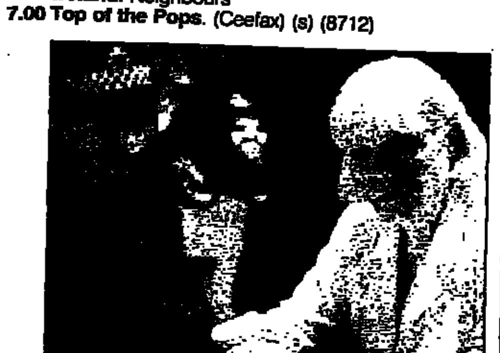
Peter Ward, Brighton's record goalscorer, is the latest person to have expressed an interest in succeeding Barry Lloyd as manager. Ward, 38, who scored 81 goals in 188 league games for the second division club between 1975-82, runs a public house in Tampa and coaches in Florida.

"I have already called David Bellotti [the Brighton chief executive] to tell him I am interested and I would be back in England within days if I was offered the job," Ward said.

John Humphrey, the Crystal Palace defender, has joined Reading on loan with a view to a £200,000 move. Humphrey, 32, will make his debut for the second division leaders at Burnley on Saturday.

BBC1

6.00 Business Breakfast (77915)
7.00 Breakfast News (97269267)
9.05 Kilroy. Robert Kilroy-Silk chairs a studio discussion on a topical subject (s) (4724354)
9.45 Newshound. Quiz (s) (4375170)
10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (1478002) **10.05 Playdays** (r) (s) (3057847)
10.30 Good Morning. . . with Anne and Nick. Weekday magazine (15289847)
12.15 Pebble Mill. Actress Jill Gascoine talks to Alan Titchmarsh (s) (9582373) **12.55 Regional News** and weather (95236660)
1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (68098)
1.30 Neighbours. Australian drama series. (Ceefax) (s) (46234693) **1.50 XYZ**. Quiz game based on the alphabet (s) (95261719)
2.15 FILM: Prisoner of Second Avenue (1975). Jack Lemmon and Anne Bancroft star in Neil Simon's black comedy following the misfortunes of an advertising executive. Directed by Melvin Frank (284064)
3.50 Blinky Bill. Cartoon series (s) (1355828) **4.15 Get Your Own Back**. Slapstick game show (s) (4604118) **4.30 The Boot Street Band**. School comedy drama series. (Ceefax) (s) (8552083)
4.55 Newsround (8244644) **5.05 Blue Peter** with John Leslie, Diane-Louise Jordan and Anthea Turner. (Ceefax) (s) (6540471)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (474002). **Northern Ireland:** Inside Ulster
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Anna Ford and Jennie Bond. (Ceefax) Weather (248)
6.30 Regional News Magazines (828). **Northern Ireland:** Neighbours
7.00 Top of the Pops. (Ceefax) (s) (8712)



Pauline (Wendy Richard) is in shock (7.30pm)

7.30 EastEnders. The police have tragic news for Pauline Fowler (Wendy Richard). (Ceefax) (s) (712)
8.00 CHOICE **Life in the Freezer: The Door Closes**. (Ceefax) (s) (7460)
8.30 Goodnight Sweetheart. Nicholas Lyndhurst stars as the time-travelling television repairman. (Ceefax) (s) (3267)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather (4731)
9.30 Crimewatch UK. Nick Ross and Sue Cook request the help of the public to help solve another batch of crimes, including the case of family man John Reynolds who was gunned down early in the morning of October 18 as he walked his dog; and two security guards who were subjected to a terrifying ordeal as they tried to make a delivery on September 21. (Ceefax) (413151)
10.15 If You See God, Tell Him. Final episode of the comedy series starring Richard Briers. (Ceefax) (s) (311489). **Northern Ireland**: The Law in Northern Ireland 10.55 Question Time 11.55 Crimewatch UK Update 12.05-12.50am Spenser for Hire; **Wales:** The Slate 10.55 Question Time 11.55 Crimewatch UK Update 12.05-12.50am Spenser for Hire
11.00 Crimewatch UK Update (536151)
11.10 Question Time. Peter Sissons is joined in London by Michael Heseltine, Neil Kinnock, Michael Dobbs and Rabbi Julia Neuberger (831147)
12.10am Spenser for Hire with Robert Urich (3353768)
12.55-1.00 Weather (8745120)
3.00-3.30 BBC Select: RCN Nursing Update (45039)

BBC 2

6.55 FILM: Youth Runs Wild (1944, b/w). Drama examining the effect on teenagers whose parents are away at war. Directed by Mark Robson (6815880) **8.00 Breakfast News** (Ceefax) (2512335) **8.15 Westminster Daily** (9304557)
9.00 FILM: Nocturne (1946, b/w). Thriller starring George Raft, directed by Edwin L. Mann (7922170)
10.25 FILM: The Last Days of Mrs Cheyney (1937, b/w) starring Joan Crawford as a confidence trickster. Directed by Richard Boleslawski (59910996)
12.00 Play Chess! (r) (3058606) **12.10 Favourite Things**. With Germaine Greer (r) (8249286) **12.40 Dipstick**. Car care (r) (61145286) **12.50 Animal Passions**. The Australian koala (r) (2262977)
1.20 Greenclaws (r) (63334847) **1.35 The Story of English Furniture**. Queen Anne (r) (20218606)
2.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (68118847) **2.05 Made by Man**. The Cartwright (r) (17040267) **2.20 Weather Watch** (Ceefax) (r) (68189335) **2.30 The Third Age** with guest David Bellamy (s) (489)
3.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (9054538) **3.05 Westminster Live**. (Ceefax) (8055462) **3.50 News** (Ceefax), regional news and weather (1347064)
4.00 Catchword with Paul Coia (s) (441)
4.30 Women Talking (s) (625)
5.00 Today's the Day. Quiz (s) (6118)
5.30 Who's Body Is It Anyway? Disturbing instances of women given unnecessary hysterectomies (977)
6.00 FILM: Kung Fu (1972). Pilot for the television series starring David Carradine. Directed by Jerry Thorpe (6527915) **7.10 Animation Now** (r) (994002)
7.20 First Sight. Current affairs series (901267). **Wales:** Week In Week Out; **East:** Matter of Fact; **Midlands:** Midlands Report; **North, North-east, North-west:** Close Up North; **South:** Southern Eye; **South-west:** Close Up; **West:** Close Up West



Paris on a plate with Mireille Johnston (7.50pm)

7.50 A Cook's Tour of France II. Mireille Johnston samples Parisian cuisine. (Ceefax) (s) (880460)
8.20 Human Rights, Human Wrongs. Arthur Miller on the censorship of writers. (Ceefax) (s) (808151)
8.30 Top Gear. (Ceefax) (s) (1809)
9.00 Rab C. Nesbitt. Gregor Fisher stars as the Glaswegian philosopher. (Ceefax) (2373)
9.30 CHOICE **Blood and Belonging: Reconquering the Conquest**. (Ceefax) (s) (141422)
10.20 Sister Wendy's Odyssey. Art in Birmingham (r). (Ceefax) (235002)
10.30 Newsnight (Ceefax) (190118)
11.15 The Late Show (s) (227996) **11.55 Weather** (942083)
12.00 Human Rights, Human Wrongs (r). (Ceefax) (8700229)
12.10am-1.50 FILM: My First Wife (1984) starring John Hargreaves as an Australian disc-jockey who mistakenly believes he has the perfect marriage. Directed by Paul Cox (377132)

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CHOICE

Life in the Freezer: The Door Closes
BBC1, 8.00pm

The camerawork gets better and better. The latest tale of wildlife in the Antarctic opens with dramatic footage of penguins being hurled against rocks by huge, angry waves. Winter, Sir David Attenborough informs us, is closing in fast. The poor penguins have only a short time in which to multiply before the onset of gales, plummeting temperatures and rapidly spreading ice. In more spectacular footage we see young penguins taking their first tentative steps towards the sea in search of food. But the leopard seal awaits and what is left of the penguin's carcase after the seal has finished with it is devoured on the sea bed. It is curious how the debate about violence on television never seems to mention wildlife programmes.



Helen Mirren denounces *Pretty Woman* (ITV, 9.00pm)

Hollywood Women: Sex and Success
ITV, 9.00pm

Shots of bare thighs, huge bosoms and amazing cleavages herald a discourse on sex in the American movie capital. On this evidence there is an awful lot of it, though since the talking *heads* include a former madam, a sex therapist and a liberal supply of call girls and "erotic actresses", not to mention a vice squad cop called Fred Clapp, bias may be inevitable. But when one of the hookers asserts that 90 per cent of actresses in Hollywood are prostitutes on the side credibility ebbs fast. Our own Helen Mirren tries valiantly to raise the intellectual tone and her denunciation of the false values of *Pretty Woman* is sharp and angry. Those offended by bad language are warned that the "f" word is freely used throughout.

The Plague: Fighting for Life
Channel 4, 9.00pm

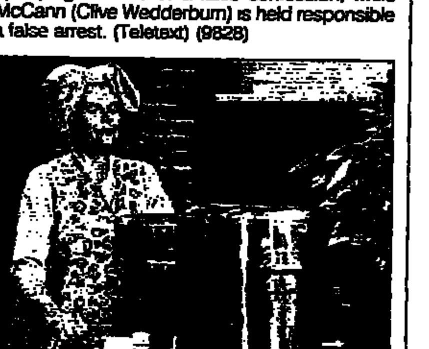
It is 1985 and Rock Hudson becomes the first celebrity to be shown dying of Aids. Ignorance of the disease leads to fear and fear to violence. In the United States a family whose son caught the virus from infected blood has its house burnt down. President Reagan and Mrs Thatcher are persuaded to sink their natural distaste of the gay community and launch government health campaigns. A promising drug, AZT, is rushed on to the market but provokes demonstrations because of its high price. Aids sufferers unite in condemning the slow progress of medical research. This third of four films on the history of Aids maintains the standard of an informative series which skilfully interweaves the medical, social and political strands.

Blood and Belonging
BBC2, 9.30pm

Michael Ignatieff has home advantage as he continues his discourse on modern nationalism in his native Canada. He focuses on Quebec, which is predominantly French-speaking and pushing for independence. He asks whether the Canadian federation can survive as a state with effectively two nations inside it. But the Quebecois are not Canada's only minority. In the frozen north an aboriginal group, the Cree, oppose the Quebec government's plan for a hydro-electric scheme on what they claim as their territory. The Cree, too, are pressing for nationhood and using the arguments of European nationalism to do so. Ignatieff explores the competing claims with his usual clarity and intelligence. **Peter Waymark**

ITV LONDON

6.00 GMTV. Early morning news and entertainment. Includes at **9.00 Top of the Morning**. Topical magazine (9275996)
9.25 Supermarket Sweep. Game show set in a supermarket (s) (9278083) **9.55 London Today**. (Teletext) and weather (3033267)
10.00 The Time . . . The Place . . . John Stapleton chairs a discussion on a topical subject (s) (7547286)
10.35 This Morning. Weekday magazine programme with Richard Madeley and Judy Finnigan (15273286) **12.20 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (9380538)
12.30 News (Teletext) and weather (2273083)
12.55 Emmerdale. A repeat of Tuesday's episode. (Teletext) (2281002) **1.25 Home and Away**. Australian family drama (Teletext) (26700151) **1.55 A Country Practice**. Medical drama set in the Australian outback (s) (46234648)
2.20 TV Weekly introduced by Eamonn Holmes (s) (17049538) **2.50 The Young Doctors**. Australian hospital drama (5047002)
3.20 News Headlines (9061828) **3.25 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (9060199)
3.30 Children's ITV: Tots TV. Puppet series (s) (3715248) **3.40 The Riddlers** (1345606) **3.50 Garfield Gets a Life** (1340996) **4.15 Wolf It**. (Teletext) (s) (464354) **4.45 Bad Influence**. Computer and video games show (s) (8542606)
5.10 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (3489070)
5.40 ITN Early Evening News with John Suchet. (Teletext) Weather (390098)
6.00 London Tonight. (Teletext) (12354)
7.00 Emmerdale. (Teletext) (3880)
7.30 The Big Story: The Fall Guys. How two executives of a British exports company were trapped into dealing with Saddam Hussein (s) (880)
8.00 The Bill: Blood Counts. DS Pearce (Martin Marquez) agonises over a false confession, while PC McCann (Clive Wedderburn) is held responsible for a false arrest. (Teletext) (9828)

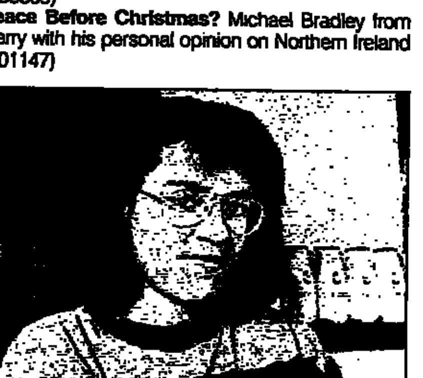


Honor Blackman takes a tea break (8.30pm)

8.30 The Upper Hand. Joe McGann, Diana Weston and Honor Blackman star in the romantic role-reversal comedy (s) (8335)
9.00 CHOICE **Hollywood Women: Sex and Success**. (Teletext) (s) (1373)
10.00 News at Ten (Teletext) and weather (87170) **10.30 London Tonight** (Teletext) and weather (772625)
10.50 Big City. A look at arts and entertainment in the capital (776441)
11.15 Going Underground: Vicious Circle. The penultimate drama in the series set on the London Underground (s) (647606)
11.40 FILM: Daughter of Darkness (1989) starring Anthony Perkins and Mia Sara. Haunted by recurring dreams, a young woman travels to Romania in search of her father. Directed by Stuart Gordon (340996)
1.10 Donahue. Phil Donahue asks if friends can be lovers (8775381)
2.00 The Little Picture Show (r) (13213)
3.00 Quiz Night. Pub and club competition (30107)
3.30 America's Top Ten (r) (s) (67300)
4.00 Entertainment UK. Leisure time guide (r) (s) (32497)
5.00 Riviera. French drama serial (51756)
5.30 ITN Morning News (83395). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.30 Ulysses 31. Animation (r) (76625)
7.00 The Big Breakfast (25489)
9.00 You Bet Your Life. Comic Bill Cosby hosts the American game show (r) (s) (85737)
9.30 Profiles of Nature. An exploration of the Galapagos Islands (87847)
10.30 All the Rivers Run II The second episode of the Australian drama serial (r) (36625)
11.30 Blood, Sweat and Glory. Football and cricket (r) (5606)
12.00 House to House. Maya Even reports from Westminster (84083)
12.30 Sesame Street. Fun and learning for the under-fives (30441) **1.30 Alfred J. Kwak**. Cartoon adventures of a musical duck (r) (99408)
2.00 FILM: Presenting Lily Mars (1943, b/w) starring Judy Garland as a small-town singer with ambitions of becoming a big star. Directed by Norman Taurog (590002)
3.50 As Freedom Is a Breakfast Food. Animation (7602880)
3.55 The Feast of Christmas. Paul Levy shows how to give the traditional turkey a Middle Eastern flavour (r). (Teletext) (5121441)
4.30 Fifteen-to-One. William G. Stewart hosts the fast and furious general knowledge quiz. (Teletext) (s) (793)
5.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show. America's favourite agony aunt introduces the show's producer, who describes how she overcame prejudice after being raised by a racist father. (Teletext) (s) (1167354)
5.50 Laurel and Hardy. Animated antics of the disastrous duo (518286)
6.00 Trash Talk. Tessa Langmead and Albert "Trix" Thompson are in Dallas, where the Philadelphia Eagles take on the local team, the Cowboys (286)
6.30 Gamesmaster. Dexter Fletcher and Patrick Moore test more computer games (s) (538)
7.00 Channel 4 News with Jon Snow. (Teletext) Weather (493809)
7.50 Peace Before Christmas? Michael Bradley from Derry with his personal opinion on Northern Ireland (701147)



Park Lodge came to Monica's rescue (8.00pm)

8.00 People First: The Care Takers. The last programme of the series examines the Park Lodge project, which has given the homeless and mentally ill hope for the future. However it is now under threat from the new Community Care Act. (Teletext) (8070)
8.30 Wildshots: Hidden Worlds. Chris Packham presents this photography series. This week he is joined by forester John Gulliver who offers advice on photographing volatile objects. (Teletext) (s) (6977)
9.00 CHOICE **The Plague: Fighting for Life**. (Teletext) (9915)
10.00 FILM: Trust (1990). When her father dies of a heart attack, brought on by the announcement of her pregnancy, a teenager befriends a strange technological genius who carries around a hand grenade. Starring Adrienne Shelly and Martin Donovan. Directed by Hal Hartley. (Teletext) (8793)
12.00 Sex Talk. Mark Chase asks if the family can influence sexual attitudes and behaviour (r) (3340294)
12.45am Dispatches. The untold story of the sinking of the Marchioness (r) (360720)
1.45 Trash Talk (r) (2599316). Ends at **2.10**

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and **MW. 4.00am** Bruno Brookes (**FM** only) **7.00** Mark Goodier **9.00** Simon Mayo **12.30pm** Newsbeat **12.45** Jakki Brambles **3.00** Steve Wright **6.00** News '93 **6.30** Evening Session **9.00** The Guest List **10.00** Mark Radcliffe **12.00-6.00am** Lynn Parsons (**FM** only)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **5.00am** Sarah Kennedy with the Early Show **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.05** Wake Up to Wogan **9.15** Pause for Thought **9.30** Ken Bruce including at **10.00** Pick of the Hits **11.30** Jimmy Young **2.00pm** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Ed Stewart including at **3.55** Party Political Broadcast by the Conservative party **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** The Queen of Romance **7.30** Wally Whyton with country music **9.00** Paul Jones introduces rhythm and blues **9.45** Gloria Gaynor presents gospel music **10.00** The Jamesons **12.05am** Steve Madden with Night Ride **3.00-5.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5

6.00am World Service **6.30** Morning Edition **9.00** Dilemmas **10.25** Johnnie Walker with the AM Alternative **12.30** Writers' Weekly (r) **1.00** News and Sport **1.10** The Crunch **2.30** BFBS Worldwide **4.05** John Inverdale's Drive-in **6.30** Box 13 **7.15** Children of the Mississippi The Gold Cadillac **7.30** Formula Five with Jez Nelson **8.00** Vibe! presented by Normski **9.30** The Woman in Black: See Choice **10.10** Eastern Beat **12.00-12.10am** News, Sport

WORLD SERVICE

All times in **GMT 4.30am** BBC English **4.45** News and Press Review in German **5.00** Morgenmagazin: Tips für Touristen **5.30** Europe Today **6.00** World News **6.10** British News **6.15** The World Today **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** Newsdesk **7.30** Network UK **8.00** World News **8.10** Words of Faith **8.15** Good Books **8.30** John Peel **9.00** World News **9.05** World Business Report **9.15** From Our Own Correspondent **9.30** The Farming World **9.45** Sports Roundup **10.00** News Summary **10.01** Assignment **10.30** The Voices of America **11.00** Newsdesk **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Mittagsmagazin. News in German **Noon** World News **12.10pm** Words of Faith **12.15** Multitrack 2 **12.45** Sports Roundup **1.00** Newshour **2.00** World News **2.05** Outlook **2.30** Off the Shelf: *The Caravanners* **2.45** The Learning World **3.00** World News **3.15** Ray on Record **4.00** World News **4.10** British News **4.15** BBC English **4.30** Heute Aktuell. News in German **5.00** World News **5.05** World Business Report **5.15** BBC English **6.00** Newsdesk **6.30** Heute Aktuell: News in German **7.00** Nachrichten **7.05** Kaleidoskop. including Nachrichten aus Grossbritannien, Britain's Top Ten, Tips für Touristen **8.00** World News **8.10** Words of Faith **8.15** The World Today **8.30** Europe Today **9.00** Newshour **10.00** News **10.10** British News **10.15** Network UK **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** News **11.05** World Business Report **11.15** Music Review **Midnight** Newsdesk **12.30am** Latins in the USA **1.00** News **1.05** Outlook **1.30** On the Move **1.45** Global Concerns **2.00** Newsdesk **2.30** Two Wrongs **3.00** World News **3.10** British News **3.15** Sports Roundup **3.30** Focus on Faith **4.00** News **4.15** Capriccio

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto. Kabalevsky (Violin Concerto in C) **3.00** Petroc Trelawny **6.00** Margaret Howard **7.00** The Travel Guide: Bulgaria **8.00** Evening Concert: See Choice **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00-6.00am** Robert Booth

VIRGIN 1215

6.00am Russ and Jono **10.00** Richard Skinner **1.00pm** Kevin Greening **4.00** Tommy Vance **7.00** Mitch Johnson **10.00** Kevin Greening **2.00-6.00am** Paul Coyle

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 5.10pm-5.40 Blockbusters (3489070) **6.00** Home And Away (880915) **6.25-7.00** Anglia News (746118) **10.30** Anglia News (925996) **10.40** Anglia Tonight (416557) **11.10** Wideangle (386083) **11.40** Prisoner: Cell Block H (697731) **12.35am** Film: Angela (3768720) **2.05** Superstars Of Wrestling (2221126) **2.45** America's Top Ten (69132) **3.15** The New Music (389855) **4.15** Out Of Limits (24931045) **4.30** Riviera (75610823) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder (7650381)

CENTRAL
As London except: 1.55-2.20 Shortland Street (46234648) **2.50-3.20** A Country Practice (5047002) **5.10-5.40** Blockbusters (3489070) **6.00** Home And Away (880915) **6.25** Central News (865606) **6.55-7.00** Life Line (917826) **10.30** Central News (925996) **10.40** Film: Three On A Match (88085422) **12.30am** Hollywood Report (88107) **1.00** The Little Picture Show (26519) **2.00** 60 Minutes (1103590) **2.55** Raw Power (3122107) **3.55** Quiz Night (78494395) **4.25** Jobfinder (5961497) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye

GRANADA
As London except: 12.55 Home And Away (2281002) **1.25** A Country Practice (82006002) **1.50-2.20** Emmerdale (20222609) **2.50-3.20** Sons And Daughters (5047002) **5.10-5.40** Blockbusters (3489070) **6.00** Home And Away (644) **6.30** Granada Tonight (118335) **6.55-7.00** Stocking Up For Christmas (917826) **10.40** Rage Of Angels (206118) **11.35** Prisoner: Cell Block H (683538) **12.25am** Night Shift (8709580) **12.35** Film: Angela (3768720) **2.05** Superstars Of Wrestling (2221126) **2.45** America's Top Ten (69132) **3.15** The New Music (389855) **4.15** Out Of Limits (24931045) **4.30** Riviera (75610823) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder (7650381)

HTV WEST
As London except: 2.50-3.20 Take The High Road (5047002) **6.00** HTV News (644) **6.30-7.00** Dust Off (996) **10.40** The West This Week (183828) **11.25** Let Loose (299731) **11.40** Prisoner: Cell Block H (697731) **12.35am** Film: Angela (3768720) **2.05** Superstars Of Wrestling (2221126) **2.45** America's Top Ten (69132) **3.15** The New Music (389855) **4.15** Out Of Limits (24931045) **4.30** Riviera (75610823) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder (7650381)

HTV WALES
As HTV WEST except: 1.55-2.20 A Country Practice (46234648) **3.25-3.30** HTV Wales **6.00** Wales At Six (644) **6.30-7.00** The Really Helpful Programme (996) **7.30-8.00** Wales This Week (880) **10.40-11.40** Wales And Westminster (289441)

MERIDIAN
As London except: 2.50-3.20 Shortland Street (5047002) **5.37-5.40** Three Minutes (515199) **6.00** Meridian Tonight (644) **6.30-7.00** Time Off (996) **10.40** The Pier (462847) **11.15** The Listings (153977) **11.20** Prisoner: Cell Block H (349557) **12.15am** Coach (9458923) **12.40-1.10** Beyond Reality (9949861) **5.00-5.30** Freescreen (51756)

TYNE TEES
As London except: 5.55 Tyne Tees News (469422) **6.30-7.00** Cross Wits (996) **10.30** Tyne Tees News (925996) **10.40** Artswork (416557) **11.10** Artswork (556335) **12.35am** Film: Terror In The Sky (3768720) **2.05** America's Top Ten (7879367) **2.35** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (6759671) **3.05** Film: Zarak (850942) **4.45-5.30** Jobfinder (2926958)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 1.55 Wish You Were Here ? (20214880) **2.25** TV Weekly (17048809) **2.55-3.20** A Country Practice (1655489) **5.40** Home And Away (380098) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (12354) **10.40** Its a Living (416557) **11.10** Prisoner: Cell Block H (343373) **12.05am** Jack Thompson Down Under (6328923) **12.35** Film: Angela (3768720) **2.05** Superstars Of Wrestling (2221126) **2.45** America's Top Ten (69132) **3.15** The New Music (389855) **4.15** Out Of Limits (24931045) **4.30** Riviera (31836) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (51756)

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 5.55 Calendar News (469422) **6.30-7.00** Cross Wits (996) **10.30** Calendar News (925996) **10.40** Edit V (289441) **11.40** Prisoner: Cell Block H (697731) **12.35am** Film: Terror In The Sky (3768720) **2.05** America's Top 10 (7879367) **2.35** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (6759671) **3.05** Film: Zarak (850942) **4.45-5.30** Jobfinder (2926958)

S4C
Starts: 7.00am The Big Breakfast (25489) **9.00** You Bet Your Life (85737) **9.30** Profiles Of Nature (87847) **10.30** All The Rivers Run II (36625) **11.30** Blood, Sweat And Glory (5606) **12.00pm** House To House (84083) **12.30** Slot Meithrin (49967) **1.00** Travelog (95248) **1.30** Crawshaws Watercolour Studio (99408) **2.00** Film: A Ticket To Tomahawk (848151) **3.40** The Three Stooges (1351002) **4.00** Slot 23 (8557) **5.00** The Cosby Show (1286) **5.30** Fifteen To One (373) **6.00** Newyddion (970002) **6.20** Cwlwm Serch (130557) **6.25** Hano (737460) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (1422) **7.30** Noson Lawen (77996) **8.30** Newyddion (6977) **9.00** Fietnam (7441) **9.30** Crash Course (15441) **10.00** Film: Closing Numbers (901557) **11.50** Nurses (161996) **12.20am** People First (6413045) **12.50** Four-Mations (9944316)

RADIO 3

6.55am Weather 7.00 On Air, presented by Andrew McGregor. Strauss (Romance in F); Satie (La Belle Eccentrique); Monteverdi (Confitebor tibi, Domine); Mozart (Horn Concerto in E flat, K495); Rachmaninov (Etudes-Tableaux, Op 33, Nos 8 and 9); Debussy, orch Büsser (Petite Suite)
9.00 An Advent Calendar: New London Children's Choir under Ronald Corp performs Anon (Resonet in laudibus); Trad (Go tell it on the mountain)
9.10 Composer of the Week: Bizet. Minuet, L'Arlésienne; Djamileh — excerpts; Chromatic Variations; Pastorale; L'Arlésienne Suite No 1
10.10 Musical Encounters, presented from Glasgow by Mary Miller. Gershwin (Rhapsody in Blue: Peter Donohoe, piano; London Sinfonietta); **10.37** Artist of the Week: Jerzy Maksymiuk conducts Haydn (Symphony No 85 in B flat, La Reine: BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra); Tippett (Sonata for four horns); **11.37** Schubert (Piano Sonata in A, D664)
12.00 Ensemble (r)
1.00pm News
1.05 Opera Matinée: Jephté. Clive Bennett presents Montéclair's 1732 opera. Sung in French. With Nicolas Rivenq, bass, as Apollo/Phineas; Sylviane Pitour, soprano, as Polyhymnia; and Sylvie Colas, soprano, as Terpsichore. Performed by Les Arts Florissants
3.55 Piano Trios: Dvořák (Piano Trio in E minor, Op 90, Dumky); Ravel (Piano Trio in A minor)
5.00 In Tune, presented from Birmingham by David Owen Norris in conversation with Jonathan Kelly, the new principal oboe of the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra. Including Britten (The Piano, The Turn of the Screw); Sibelius (Symphony No 3 in C: CBSO); Koechlin (Les Bandar-Log)
7.30 Premiere Ensemble: The second of two concerts recorded at the Queen Elizabeth Hall, London under Mark Wigglesworth. Mozart (Symphony No 39 in E flat, K543); Dominic Muldowney (Trumpet Concerto: John Wallace); Mozart (Symphony No 41 in C, Jupiter, K551)
9.15 The Rebirth of Nationalism: Back to Sarajevo
9.35 Elliott Carter is Radio 3's *Composer of the Week* from next Monday. He talks to Misha Donat about his work and introduces a performance of his Concerto for Orchestra (London Sinfonietta under Oliver Knussen)
10.15 Time and Silence: Jazz in Poland (r)
10.45 Night Waves: A review of a new revival of Kander and Ebb's musical, *Cabaret*
11.30 Voices: Triple Pillars. Iain Burnside presents Lieder by three contemporaries. Geoffrey Parsons, piano, plays Wolf (Fussreise, Gebet, Der Musikant: Thomas Allen, baritone; Nachtzauber, Der Soldat, two settings: Olaf Bär, baritone); Strauss (Das Rosenband, Einerlei, Freundliche Vision, Schlechtes Wetter, Cäcilie, Zueignung; Morgan: Felicity Lott, soprano); Mahler (Rückert Lieder: Thomas Hampson, baritone) **12.30am News**
12.35-12.45 An Advent Calendar (as 9am)

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.45** Business News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.25, 8.25** Sports News **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.40** Yesterday in Parliament **8.58** Weather
9.00 News
9.05 The Moral Maze: With Rabbi Hugo Gryn, Janet Daley, Edward Pearce and Dr David Starkey
9.45 Aesthete's Foot: Music
10.00-10.30 Unofficial Rosie (**FM** only): Fifth of a six-part private-eye serial by Alan McDonald
10.00 News; Daily Service (**LW** only)
10.15 The Bible (**LW** only): Hosea (2/2) (r)
10.30 Woman's Hour: Jenni Murray talks to the actress Emma Fielding as she stars in a new production of Molière's *The School for Wives*
11.30 From Our Own Correspondent
12.00 You and Yours, with Tasneem Siddiqi
12.25pm Screenplay, with Iain Johnstone **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One, with James Naughtie
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Aumonier's World: The Baby Grand. The last in a series of plays based on the stories of the 1920s writer, Stacy Aumonier
3.00-4.00 Prime Minister's Questions (**LW** only)
3.00 Document (**FM** only): The Unspeakable Atrocity. Denys Blakeway asks why the BBC and the British government kept quiet about the Nazi death camps despite early evidence (r)
3.42 RSVP (**FM** only): Friedrich Nietzsche berates his sister Elisabeth for portraying him as anti-semitic (r)
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope: Paul Allen reviews Molière's comedy, *The School for Wives*
4.45 Short Story: *Tentacles*, by Ivy Bannister. Read by Noelle Brown
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 The Christopher Marlowe Mysteries: The first of four historical comedy whodunits by Ged Parsons. Playwright and spy, Christopher Marlowe, is assigned to investigate a number of perplexing intrigues in Elizabethan London. With Dominic Jephcott and Bill Wallis
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Back to Roots: Helen Sharman follows the story of drugs from plants to the laboratory
8.00 Analysis: Hugh-Prysor Jones examines whether financial co-operation between France and Germany poses a threat to Britain's economy
8.45 Does He Take Sugar? With Ted Harrison
9.15 Kaleidoscope (r)
9.45 The Financial World Tonight 9.59 Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with Richard Kershaw
10.45 Book at Bedtime: The Pearl, by John Steinbeck. Read by Gayle Hunnicut (6/7)
11.00 Radio Cars: The final episode in the minicab series by Jennifer Phillips. With Gary Waldhorn
11.30 Today in Parliament
12.00-12.43 News, incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping Forecast **12.43** As World Service (**LW** only)

CHOICE

The Woman in Black. *Radio 5, 9.30pm*

The Christmas ghost-story season has started early. It will take something special to out-chill Jon Strickland's serialisation of Susan Hill's novel. The blood-freezing starts right away, with Old Kipps (John Woodvine) refusing to take part in his family's ghostly games on Christmas Eve. From then on, Hill really lowers the temperature as Kipps's younger self (Robert Glenister) journeys up north for the funeral of a reclusive old woman. If you think episode one is unsettling, wait until you hear what eerie tricks director Chris Wallis gets up to in episode two.

Evening Concert. *Classic FM, 8.00pm*

Live relays of concerts by Classic FM are not as rare as you might think, but not all are as seasonable as tonight's from St Paul's Cathedral. The Royal Philharmonic Orchestra and the Royal Choral Society perform works by Bach, Vivaldi and Tchaikovsky (the fantasy-overture *Romeo and Juliet*), plus advent carols. It is all in a good cause — Access for Disabled People to Arts Premises Today (ADAPT) which instals hearing systems in concert halls. **Peter Davalle**

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SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am The DJ Kat Show (83183199) **8.40** Lamb Chops Play-a-Long (8825441) **9.00** Cartoons (37199) **9.30** Card Sharks (57441) **10.00** Concentration (7149118) **10.25** Dynamo Duck (7738151) **10.30** Love at First Sight (26083) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (33422) **12.00** The Urban Peasant (17335) **12.30pm** Paradise Beach (68557) **1.00** Barnaby Jones (58712) **2.00** Pearl (24286) **3.00** Another World (6665977) **3.45** The DJ Kat Show (5892915) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (6373) **6.00** Games World (7977) **6.30** Paradise Beach (1557) **7.00** Rescue (7002) **7.30** Growing Pains (9511) **8.00** 21 Jump Street (49471) **9.00** China Beach (93267) **10.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (96354) **11.00** The Untouchables (54915) **12.00** The Streets of San Francisco (33720) **1.00am** Night Court (98297) **1.30-2.00** Maniac Mansion (38836)

SKY NEWS
News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise Europe (24847) **9.30** ABC Nightline (26335) **10.30** Beyond 2000 (47511) **11.30** Japan Business (11793) **12.30pm** News and Business Report (19557) **1.30** CBS Morning News (10286) **2.30** Parliament Live (63844) **4.30** News and Business Report (7354) **5.00** Live at Five (746793) **7.30** The Reporters (8083) **9.30** Talkback (46335) **11.30** CBS Evening News (83847) **12.30am** ABC World News (60923) **1.30** The Reporters (46126) **2.30** Beyond 2000 (41774) **3.30** Talkback (53519) **4.30** The Reporters (75126) **5.30-6.00** CBS Evening News (51519)

SKY MOVIES
6.00am Showcase (5479373)
10.00 Man About the House (1974): Richard O'Sullivan stars in a spin-off from the 1970s television comedy (82373)
12.00 Against a Crooked Sky (1975): Western about a kidnapped girl (38489)
2.00pm The Prisoner of Zenda (1979). An aristocratic lookalike impersonates the crown prince. With Peter Sellers (87606)
4.00 Vanishing Wilderness (1974). American wildlife documentary (8977)
6.00 Man about the House (as 10am) (90170)
8.00 Miles from Nowhere (1991): Rick Schroder forsakes a college education to care for his comatose brother (83815)
10.00 Nico (1988): Adventure with Steven Seagal as a cop fighting a drugs ring. With Sharon Stone (521335)
11.45 Quigley Down Under (1990): A 19th-century sharp-shooter (Tom Selleck) travels to Australia (434828)
1.45am Cecilia: Erotic drama (371039)
3.30 Castle Keep (1969): American soldiers hole up in a Belgian castle. With Burt Lancaster (893923). Ends at **5.15**

SKY MOVIES GOLD
6.00pm Passage to Marseilles (1944, b/w): Second world war escape adventure with Humphrey Bogart (65422)
8.00 The Front (1976): Woody Allen in a satire inspired by the McCarthy witch-hunt. With Zero Mostel (77267)
10.00 Body Heat (1981). Homage to 1940s crime melodramas with Kathleen Turner, William Hurt (44441) Ends at **12.00**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.00am By Love Possessed (1961). Lana Turner in a drama of adultery (98118)
8.00 The Magic Snowman: A seasonal children's tale (86480)
10.00 Quebec (1951): Historical drama, set in 1830s Canada. With John Barrymore Jr and Corinne Calvet (60915)
12.00 A Night in Havana (1957): Criminals target a croupier at a Cuban casino. With Errol Flynn and Gia Scala (29731)
2.00 The 300 Spartans (1962): The Greeks make a stand against the Persians at Thermopylae in this epic drama with Richard Egan (85248)
4.00 The Magic Snowman (as 8am) (99151)
5.30 The Call of the Wild: Cartoon version of Jack London's novel about a gold prospector and his faithful dog (25793)
6.30 Felix the Cat — The Movie (1990): Feature-length cartoon (10844)
8.00 Crisscross (1991): A single mother (Goldie Hawn) discovers that her son has been running drugs (27227)
10.00 Stephen King's Sometimes They Come Back (1991): Psychological horror about a teacher returning to his home town. With Tim Matheson (529977)
11.45 Light Sleeper (1991): Paul Schrader's thriller stars Willem Dafoe plays a drugs courier seeking redemption. With Susan Sarandon and Dana Delany (656880)
1.35am Leaving Normal (1992): Waitress Christine Lahti and divorcée Meg Tilly take to the road (185774)
3.25 Obsessed (1992): *Beverly Hills 90210*'s Shannen Doherty falls for an older man (762213). Ends at **5.00**

SKY SPORTS
7.00am Soccer News (6365793) **7.15** Prime Bodies (657977) **7.45** Trucks 'n' Tractor Power (656248) **8.15** Soccer News (2018606) **8.30** Motor World (90101) **9.00** Prime Bodies (94083) **9.30** Sportsworld (5996118) **10.15** Netbusters (2033426) **10.30** American Sports Cavalcade (33151) **11.30** European Basketball (45915) **1.30pm** NHRA Drag Racing (24712) **2.00** US PGA Golf (34538) **4.00** Tennis, Grand Slam Cup (2199) **6.00** Soccer News (947809) **6.15** WWF Challenge (168441) **7.00** Boots 'n' All (39083) **8.00** Sports Awards (48731) **9.00** Andy Gray's Boot Room (35267) **10.00** Soccer News (808847) **10.15** Tennis: Grand Slam Cup (218147) **12.15am** French Football League (569039) **1.15-2.15** Adventure Sport (558923)

EUROSPORT
7.30am Step Aerobics (91460) **8.00** Rhythmic Gymnastics (52793) **9.00** Aerobics European Championships (67064) **10.00** Chicago Marathon (97644) **11.00** Football European Championships (37996) **1.00pm** Snooker European League (48880) **3.00** Truck Racing (6151) **3.30** American Ice Hockey (86977) **4.30** Motors Magazine (98737) **5.30** Euroski (72625) **6.30** News (5915) **7.00** Boxing (24151) **8.00** Car Racing (40199) **9.00** Football European Cups (43266) **11.00** Karting (98373) **12.00-12.30am** News (89316)

UK GOLD
7.00am GP (7205422) **7.30** Neighbours (7224557) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (2351441) **8.30** EastEnders (2350712) **9.00** The Bill (2341064) **9.30** The Onedin Line (9067147) **10.30** Bergerac (9748809) **11.30** Rhoda (7502828) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (2361828) **12.30pm** Neighbours (8742915) **1.00** EastEnders (7204793) **1.30** The Bill (8741286) **2.00** For the Love of Ada (4285793) **2.30** And Mother Makes Three (7410847) **3.00** Dallas (7506644) **4.00** Dynasty (7585151) **5.00** Blankety Blank (4209373) **5.30** Give Us a Clue (7481335) **6.00** Neighbours (7488248) **6.30** EastEnders (7402828) **7.00** Survivors (8538847) **8.00** For the Love of Ada (4205557) **8.30** And Mother Makes Three (4284064) **9.00** Bergerac (8527731) **10.00** The Bill (2362557) **10.30** Alexei Sayle (2348977) **11.00** Top of the Pops (4188267) **11.45** Dr Who (2957354) **12.05am** FILM. Crucible of Terror (1971): A sculptor casts real women in bronze (3274213) **1.45-2.15** Video Bites (1338671)

CHILDREN'S CHANNEL
6.00am RatKan II (337354) **9.00** Jack in the Box (12084) **11.00** RatKan II (578511) **2.00pm** Iris and the Professor (36644) **3.00** RatKan II (4335) **3.30** Ovide and the Gang (8054) **4.00** Charlie Brown and Snoopy Show (7199) **4.30-5.00** Smart! (6083)

NICKELODEON
7.00am Dawn Patrol (92199) **7.30** Guts (71606) **8.00** Get the Picture (40642) **8.30** Wild Side Show (90183) **9.00** Rabbit Ears: We all Have Tales (92625) **9.30** Fraggle Rock (29267) **10.00** Janosch's Dream (70489) **10.30** The World of David the Gnome (98809) **11.00** Sharon, Lois and Bram's Elephant Show (28489) **11.30** Eureeka's Castle (60083) **12.30pm** Rabbit Ears: We All Have Tales (23083) **1.00** The World of David the Gnome (84170) **1.30** Wisdom of the Gnomes (22354) **2.00** Janosch's Dream (2278) **2.30** Nick Jr Story Time (6880) **3.00** Kablooey (9625) **3.30** Out of Control (8625) **4.00** Fraggle Rock (6880) **4.30** Hey Dude (8644) **5.00** Clarissa Explains it All (4170) **5.30** Get the Picture (7996) **6.00** Guts (4809) **6.30-7.00** Welcome Freshmen (8489)

DISCOVERY
4.00pm The Global Family (7492441) **4.30** Australia Wild (7499625) **5.00** Get Wet (4207915) **5.30** The Extremists (7489977) **6.00** Only in Hollywood (6110847) **6.05** Beyond 2000 (4599064) **7.00** Terra X (4287151) **7.30** Pacifica: Tales from the South Seas (7499354) **8.00** Realm of Darkness (8512909) **9.00** Choppers (7589977) **9.30** Secret Life of Machines (8720793) **10.00** Fire (2360199) **10.30** An African Ride (2378847) **11.00-12.00** The Soccer Tribe (7212712)

BRAVO
12.00 Mary Hartman, Mary Hartman (2356995) **12.30pm** FILM The Truth About Spring (1965): Hayley Mills in a romantic drama (98994325) **2.15** FILM The Company She Keeps (1951, b/w). A woman falls for her parole officer (2271335) **3.45** Art Linkletter and the Kids (45650793) **4.00** The Flying Nun (7496267) **4.30** My Three Sons (7485151) **5.00** The Beverly Hillbillies (4294441) **5.30** The Donny and Marie Show (7409731) **6.00** Saber of London (7406644) **6.30** The Man from Interpol (7497996) **7.00** Dan August (6523915) **8.00** FILM Hot Millions (1968): Computer crime caper starring Peter Ustinov (8503151) **10.00** FILM: Fright (1971). A babysitter, Susan George, is terrorised (2890460) **11.30-12.00** The Twilight Zone (2267064)

UK LIVING
7.00am Jayne and Friends (5538731) **8.00** Fame, Fortune and Romance (5406985) **8.30** Living Daylights (6856426) **9.00** Divorce Court (8856606) **9.30** Hot Topics (8720847) **10.00** What's Up, Dr Ruth (3229151) **10.30** Living Extra (6951070) **11.00** Bazaar (4153538) **11.30** Madhur Jaffrey's Far Eastern Cookery (4154267) **12.00** Practical Living (27741002) **12.15pm** Kilroy (1493847) **1.00** Crosswits (2444828) **1.30** Divorce Court (8790606) **2.00** Days of Our Lives (3220880) **3.00** Agony Hour (4158083) **4.00** Crosswits (4171052) **4.30** Infatuation (8771016) **5.00** Highlights of Jayne and Friends (6953118) **6.00** Your Baby and Child (3921719) **6.30** Delia Smith's Christmas (3721511) **7.00** Agony Hour (8420719) **8.00** The Young and the Restless (6420539) **9.00** Come in Spinner (31908915) **11.10** Infatuation (1560828) **11.40** Delia Smith's One is Fun (3225335) **12.00-1.00am** Days of Our Lives (5429039)

FAMILY CHANNEL
5.00pm The Wonder Years (9880) **5.30** Danger Bay (7335) **6.00** Big Brother Jake (4248) **6.30** Catchphrase (8828) **7.00** Trivial Pursuit (9644) **7.30** All Clued Up (7712) **8.00** Remington Steele (79625) **9.00** Neon Rider (99489) **10.00** WKRP in Cincinnati (39170) **10.30** The Bob Newhart Show (55118) **11.00** Newhart (38880) **11.30** Mary Tyler Moore (31199) **12.00-1.00am** Lou Grant (11590)

MTV
6.00am Awake on the Wild Side (339712) **9.00** VJ Ingo (673985) **12.00** Greatest Hits (77828) **1.00pm** VJ Simone (212286) **3.30** Coca-Cola Report (6026915) **3.45** At the Movies (6014170) **4.00** News (5297422) **4.15** 3 from 1 (5210373) **4.30** Dial MTV (8441) **5.00** The Soul of MTV (8538) **5.30** Music Non-Stop (19422) **7.00** Beavis and Butthead (1002) **7.30** Most Wanted (76170) **9.00** Greatest Hits (91847) **10.00** Coca-Cola Report (949793) **10.15** At the Movies (944248) **10.30** News at Night (738422) **10.45** 3 from 1 (733977) **11.00** Party Zone (85606) **1.00am** VJ Marijne (83497) **2.00-6.00** Night Videos (1320756)

TV ASIA
6.00am Persian Dawn (86625) **7.00** Regional News (42034) **8.00** Hindi News (22880) **8.30** Urdu News (5259460) **8.45** English News (5254915) **9.00** Janmdata (25002) **10.00** Hindi FILM: Uphaar (976737) **1.00pm** Manoranjan (52170) **1.30** Hindi FILM: Paigham (987373) **4.30** Kiddie Time (7539) **5.00-6.00** TVA — Dedicated to You (5441) **7.00** Serial: Fishaar (1606) **8.00** English News (727712) **8.15** Hindi FILM: Rani Aur Jani (59585151) **11.15** Guldasta (515538) **12.05am** Five Past Midnight (5263768) **1.35** Sight and Sound (18434519)

TNT
Theme: You Do Something to Me
7.00pm Desire Me (1947, b/w): A woman's husband is believed killed. With Greer Garson and Robert Mitchum (33397118)
8.45 Come Fly With Me (1963). Romantic adventures of three flight attendants (58345986)
10.50 Please Believe Me (1950, b/w): Deborah Kerr is wooed by assorted bachelors. With Robert Walker (26140847)
12.30am Give Me Your Heart (1936, b/w). An American woman falls on hard times in this romantic drama (16754107)
2.10 Escape Me Never (1947, b/w): Story of a love tangle. With Errol Flynn (55727534). Ends at **5.00**

CNN
Twenty-four hour news

CMT
Country music from midnight to 4pm

QVC
Home shopping channel

Bergkamp strikes again to end Uefa Cup campaign

Norwich beaten but unbowed

CLIVE BRUNSKILL/ALLSPORT



Walker, after seeing his team's impressive but unlucky defeat, salutes the Norwich supporters who made the trip to Milan for the Uefa Cup encounter yesterday

Internazionale..... 1
Norwich City..... 0
(Internazionale win 2-0 on agg)

FROM ROB HUGHES
FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT IN MILAN

THE Canary is grounded. Norwich City's flight across Europe, an adventure of sound ethics, good husbandry, high spirits and appreciable collective skill, was shot down a minute from time in the San Siro stadium in Milan.

At least the goal, almost inevitably from the Dutchman, Dennis Bergkamp, who had polished off England in the World Cup, was a class finish. He ghosted down the left, appeared out of a gathering mist and, with an eagle's eye and a cool head, measured the angle and the distance between him and Bryan Gunn's far post and passed the ball into that gap with all the aplomb that had been missing from four or five chances squandered by Norwich.

That is the essential quality which makes Bergkamp one of the game's millionaires, while Norwich are comparative paupers. However, that is the only sense in which one would class them as second-class travellers. At the end, the team — a team that had the courage to take the game to Internazionale despite lacking half their first-choice players — turned to the corner of this vast ground where their 2,000 supporters began a deafening, almost-celebratory din that lasted for 20 minutes after the elimination. There was no remorse from them: the Norwich supporters had waited seven years for the fulfilment of their European venture and they, like the rest of England, can be satisfied that the effort, the style and the courage in adversity of their team.

No matter that the San Siro was less than half-full, due to a religious holiday in Milan and the usual greed that puts a match such as this live on television, compounded by the fact that the Tenerife versus Juventus encounter was also being screened in Italy. No matter. Norwich went at Inter exactly as they did against Manchester United last Saturday. Emboldened by their manager, Mike Walker's dressing-room plea to treat their opponents with respect, but not awe, Norwich were swiftly in control.

Without their sweeper, Culverhouse, playmaker, Crook, captain, Butterworth, and forward, Robins, other players stepped in. Efan Ekoku, obviously not match-fit after nine weeks out through injury, played for 85 minutes. Robert Ullathorne, who was fit in body but perhaps harbouring doubts, was selected for only the second time in 18 months.

But why go on with excuses? Norwich offered none. In the fourth minute, Megson demonstrated that he was no apologetic replacement for Crook when his free kick, slanted in at a cunning angle, was well saved by the goalkeeper, Zenga.

Inter, on paper 20 times as valuable as Norwich, were not remotely as urgent and it was not until the nineteenth minute that Bowen, pressed into the sweeper role for the first time in his career, was caught unaware by Sosa. Bowen appeared not to see the little Uruguayan and was lucky when his hasty clearance rebounded off Sosa's shins and tantalisingly wide of the Norwich goal.

Nevertheless, Norwich retained the advantage throughout the first half, although they lacked the ability to stay calm when chances offered themselves. Sutton pulled a shot wide of an inviting net, then Ullathorne, off balance and in too much haste, mis-hit the ball from no more than eight yards.

One moment stood out. It came just after the half-hour and followed another pleasing through ball from Bowen, from which Ekoku produced a marvellous piece of athleticism to control the ball on his right thigh, turn and hook it over the advancing Zenga. It flew a foot wide of the target.

In the second half, the portents of what was to come began to show. Dell'Anno worked a one-two with Sosa and Gunn reprieved his static defence by bravely and quickly coming out to smother the shot at source. Then Bergkamp, released by Fontolan, grotesquely dived in an attempt to gain a penalty. It was not given.

Though perhaps cruel, the final act from Bergkamp was also merited simply and solely because finishing demands class and he, more than any Norwich player, possessed it yesterday. Without a goal for all their valiant efforts, the English team go home to maintain another league season which, one hopes, will bring them back to Europe next year.

INTERNAZIONALE (3-5-2): W Zenga — G Bergomi, S Battistini, M Paganin — A Paganin, I Shalimov, D Fontolan, F Dell'Anno, A Orlando — R Sosa, D Bergkamp.

NORWICH CITY (3-5-2): B Gunn — S Prior (sub: L Power, 79min), M Bowen, C Woodthorpe — R Newman, R Fox, G Megson, J Goss, R Ullathorne — C Sutton, E Ekoku (sub: D Sutch, 85).

Referee: V Krondl (RCS).

Lathwell races to century and revival of confidence

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

MARK Lathwell, who lost form and confidence after his Test debut last summer, rediscovered the joys of cricket in South Africa yesterday. The Somerset opener hit 133 — with a borrowed bat — as England A totalled 281 for six to beat Eastern Transvaal by 77 runs at Springs.

Lathwell had just reached his half-century when he noticed his bat had split slightly. He said: "Stupidly, I'd only brought the one bat out with me. So I looked around for another and Steve Rhodes offered me his.

"Now I am hoping to get a couple of new bats flown out before Friday's four-day match against Transvaal."

He began the two-month England A tour with his confidence at its lowest ebb, admitting he had not enjoyed the game since totalling 78 runs from four innings in his two Tests against Australia at Trent Bridge and Headingley.

He passed 50 just once in the second half of last summer — and then began this tour with scores of nine and 11. "I came over here with a determination to enjoy it — and obviously this innings helps. The runs are important but my real aim for the tour is to get my confidence back. I felt good about this trip as soon as I got on the plane, Lathwell said."

Lathwell's highest one-day score, including two sixes and ten fours, was also a triumph of stamina — he lost around 4lb of body fluid batting through 46 overs in fierce heat. "I needed a bit of a rest and a lot to drink after I was out — but it's also the altitude here around Johannesburg and at 6,000 feet the thinner air does affect you, too. But you've just got to get on with it and accept the conditions," he said.

The England management are delighted with Lathwell's 150-ball knock — his last 83 runs were off just 68 deliveries (with Rhodes's bat), highlighting a third win in three warm-up matches. All the front-line batsmen made runs with Lathwell; he added 114 with Mal Loye (41), 56 in seven overs with John Crawley (29) and 60 in six overs with Alan Wells, whose unbeaten 37 took just 23 balls.

England A's total was always too much for Eastern Transvaal, especially when their openers, Wayne Radford, brother of the former England bowler, Neal, and Adrian Norris, took 29 overs putting on 62.

Robert Croft, the Glamorgan off spinner, bowled a miserly ten-over spell for only 18 runs, while the seamers were tidy on a good batting pitch.

Peter Such, the pick of England's attack against Western Transvaal on Monday, this time suffered heavily when he bore the brunt of an assault by Sam Skeete, from Barbados, who struck four sixes, three of them off Such, in a 57-ball 77 which at least ensured that the game did not peter out tamely.

SCOREBOARD

ENGLAND A

M N Lathwell c Jordaan b C Norris	133
*H Morris b Skeete	11
M B Loye c Lerm b Marsh	41
J P Crawley run out	29
A P Wells not out	37
†S J Rhodes b Loring	10
R D B Croft st Randall b Loring	4
D G Cork not out	4
Extras (b 3, lb 3, nb 6)	12
Total (6 wkts, 50 overs)	281

D Gough, M J McCague and P M Such did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-19, 2-133, 3-189, 4-249, 5-273, 6-277.

BOWLING: Skeete 6-0-14-1; Burger 10-1-49-0; Jordaan 10-1-30-0; Loring 7-0-61-2; Marsh 10-0-61-1; C Norris 7-0-60-1.

EASTERN TRANSVAAL

W Radford c Loye b Such	39
A Norris c Wells b Such	55
S Skeete run out	77
†C Norris not out	22
*S Randall not out	6
Extras (b 1, lb 2, w 1, nb 1)	5
Total 3 wkts (50 overs)	204

J Lerm, Tahir Jamal, T Marsh, J Burger, R Loring and C Jordaan did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-82, 2-133, 3-186.

BOWLING: McCague 10-0-44-0; Gough 10-2-24-0; Cork 10-1-44-0; Croft 10-2-18-0; Such 10-0-71-2.

Umpires: B Lambson and D Orchard.



Lathwell: borrowed bat

Azinger diagnosed as having cancer of shoulder



Azinger: positive

BY MEL WEBB

THE world of golf was shaken to its roots last night when it was announced that Paul Azinger, the Ryder Cup player and US PGA champion, had contracted cancer.

Azinger, 33, has lymphoma, a form of cancer that affects about 50,000 Americans a year. He is expected to be out of the game for six to seven months while undergoing chemotherapy and radiation treatment for the condition, which is confined to a small area of his right shoulder blade.

"The cancer is localised, and there is no evidence of any spread beyond the right scapula," Dr Lorne Feldman, the co-director of oncology at Centinela Hospital Medical Centre, in Inglewood, California, said. "The expectation is for total cure." The overall cure rate for lymphoma is about 50 per cent, but the chances of complete recovery from the form of cancer that has stricken Azinger is about 90 per cent.

The news comes at the end of the most successful year of Azinger's career. He won $1,458,456 (about £975,500) and was second in the money list to Nick Price having won the Memorial Tournament and the New England Classic, as well as the US PGA championship.

Azinger, tall and rangy and with a idiosyncratic swing, was long regarded as one of the best players in world golf not to have won a major championship. He pushed Nick Faldo to the limit, finishing second when the Englishman won his first Open Championship at Muirfield in 1987, and went close in several other majors before he broke his duck at the Inverness Club in Toledo, Ohio, in August this year.

A closing 68 for an aggregate of 272 put him into a play-off with Greg Norman, which he won on the second hole of a sudden-death play-off when the Australian, who had won the Open Championship the previous month, missed a putt for a par four.

"It is the best moment of my life," he said after that triumph. "Nothing I do from here on will ever equal this."

His first four years as a professional brought him no great success, but he then broke into the winner's circle with three victories in 1987. He finished second in the order of merit and won the PGA of America player of the year award in the same year. He has suffered from pain in his shoulder for several years, and underwent an operation in 1991.

He has played in three Ryder Cup matches, and in 14 rubbers has won five, halved two and lost seven. An inspirational figure in the United States team, his appearance at The Belfry in September was his least successful. He failed to win a match in five appearances, and halved his singles match with Faldo as his team claimed a 15-13 victory.

A born-again Christian, he regularly attends services at US Tour events, and is maintaining a positive outlook to his illness. "I plan to be hitting golf balls again in about six to seven months and I am looking forward to defending my PGA championship," he said last night.



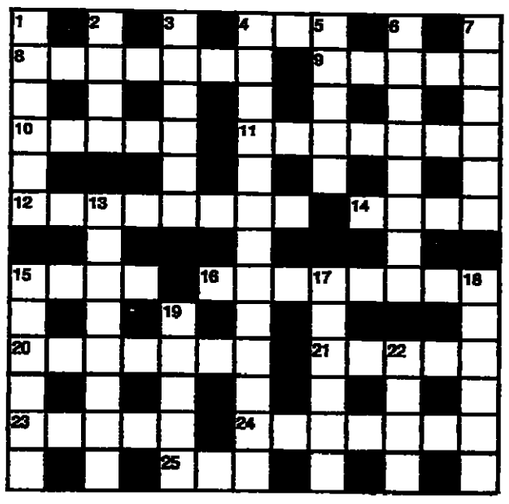
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No 34

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4 "What's up, –?" (3)
8 Noisy protest (7)
9 Indo-European (5)
10 Additional (5)
11 Threaten emptily (7)
12 Church usher (8)
14 Priam's capital (4)
15 Scattered (4)
16 Army administrative officer (8)
20 One declaiming (7)
21 Stripped of fleece (5)
23 Craftsman in stone (5)
24 Proverbially busy place (7)
25 Word of assent (3)

DOWN
1 Visiting rights (6)
2 Hypocrisy (4)
3 Bog (6)
4 Tiny sporadic quantities (5,3,5)
5 Louisiana dialect, cuisine (5)
6 Infectious over-excitability (8)
7 Vigour (6)
13 Depressed (8)
15 Ten-legged crustacean, little person (6)
17 Province of Ireland (6)
18 Offer, gentle (6)
19 Completely broke (5)
22 Roman author of Metamorphoses (4)

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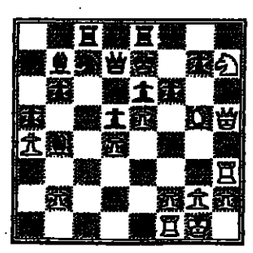
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By Raymond Keene

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WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

CONTRUDE
a. Telling rude stories
b. An anchor rope
c. To crowd together

CUFIC
a. A type of Arabic
b. Copper-bearing
c. Aromatic mastic

SURREPENT
a. To feel secret remorse
b. Incarcerated in an oubliette
c. Creeping furtively

SWIKEDOM
a. Deceit
b. The old kingdom of Winchester
c. An Anglo-Saxon district

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